

THE WEATHER

Warmer

The Valley: Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday. Monday, partly cloudy, warmer. Gentle variable winds becoming southerly Sunday night.

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FLORIDA FACES SEVERE FREEZE TODAY
Dr. Johnson's Explanation Of Sex Case Delayed

ADVANCES TO HIS NURSES ARE CHARGED

Illness Of Prober Postpones Case

(Pictures In Adjoining Column)
AUSTIN — (P) — Dr. W. J. Johnson, aging superintendent of the state insane hospital at San Antonio, was required Saturday to wait until next week to begin presentation of his defense against charges that he made sexual advances toward women employees.

Adjournment of the sensational hearing until Monday was occasioned by the illness of Frank Davis, one of three members of the board of control, which is conducting it. Harry Knox, Jr., board chairman, said the inquiry would be resumed Monday even if Davis is unable to attend.

Case Draws Many

The senate chamber has been filled for each session since the start of testimony Thursday. Saturday's disappointment was the second for the crowd. Proceedings Friday morning were cut short at the request of counsel for Dr. Johnson.

Direct testimony against the married, 56-year-old hospital head was completed late Friday. Seven young women, some barely out of their teens, accused the bald physician of fondling them and discussing sexual subjects with them.

Dr. Johnson, who will testify probably Monday, claims the charges are baseless and that there is a conspiracy to remove him as hospital superintendent.

The board of control membership changed January 1 with Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's selection of Knox to a vacancy. Davis also is an appointee of O'Daniel but the governor has disclaimed any responsibility for actions of that or any other board.

Beautiful Thing

One former nurse at the hospital testified the superintendent had told her in effect that "if a girl did not have sexual relations she would be missing one of the most beautiful things in life." Another said the physician suggested she rent a room, not in her own name, "and we would pay for it."

A third former employee said that on several occasions when she went to Dr. Johnson's office to seek employment, the physician held her close, kissed her and attempted to make other advances. The rest of the witnesses recounted alleged occurrences of a similar nature. All said they resisted the superintendent's advances.

Attorneys for the superintendent sought to show that all the witnesses bore ill feeling toward him and wanted him removed from his position.

CIO Vice President Endorses Roosevelt

NEW YORK — (P) — Sidney Hillman, vice president of the CIO and head of the powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, gave his unqualified endorsement to President Roosevelt Saturday and thereupon took a stand in open opposition to his chief, CIO President John L. Lewis.

Texas Post Officer Heads Ninth Corps

SAN ANTONIO — (P) — Army officials at Fort Sam Houston confirmed Saturday that Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the second division, has been appointed to command the Ninth Army Corps, which will be organized for extensive army maneuvers in the south about April.

Finds \$100,000

Texan Digs Up Gold Near Odessa

ODESSA, Tex. — (P) — Riley Smith, tourist camp operator, said Saturday night he and a partner had located \$100,000 in buried \$10 and \$20 gold pieces within 15 miles of here. Earlier Smith sent a telegram to U. S. Attorney Clyde Eastus at Dallas saying, "shall we bring in \$100,000 in buried treasure in \$20 gold pieces or will you come and get it?"

He would not elaborate other than to say he and his partner, L. E. Smith, could "go right to the treasure."



TELLS ADVANCES

CHARRO DAYS OPENS WEEK OF FESTIVITY

Sunday Events Start Full Program

Other Charro Day stories and pictures will be found on pages 2, 6, 7, 8, and 10.

BROWNSVILLE — This Texas-Mexican border city will throw cares to the wind Sunday, forget business and cold weather, let out its beard and launch upon week of gaiety, dance, music and general festivity that goes under the name of Charro Days.

The fiesta proper is not scheduled to get underway until Thursday, February 1.

Pre-Charro Events

But there are so many pre-Charro events on the card that from Sunday afternoon on until the sun sets the following Sunday, Charro Days will be in the air, the people will be out in costume, and the celebrating will be on.

In fact, visitors to Brownsville for the annual fiesta were arriving before the end of this week, and those who are to take part in its various events were coming ahead of time. Race drivers were going to arrive with their motors and boats, in preparation for the speedboat regatta, rodeo performers were dropping in to town, and many others were on hand.

This will be the third annual Charro Days Fiesta in Brownsville. The fiesta was started in 1938 and immediately captured the fancy of people in the state. And last year thousands crowded into Brownsville to see it, and to take part in it.

The fiesta has part of its wide appeal in the fact that most visitors buy at least a Mexican hat, fancy themselves in costume, and immediately become a part of the show. Sunday's event will be the promenade and "Dance of the Fleas" at the patio of the El Jardin hotel, which event is a sort of advance showing of costumes, staged party so everybody can take pictures of everybody else.

Then events follow in rapid order. The Royal Court of the Brush holding a session whenever there is a threat of things lagging a bit. The Court of the Brush will challenge the freedom of the press when it calls up local newspaper editors Tuesday to give cause why they should not be fined for printing too much about the cold wave. The first costume ball on the cal-

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Requirement Change Urged On Navy Bids

WASHINGTON — (P) — Secretary Edison urged Saturday that Congress alter the present requirement that navy contracts go to the lowest bidders, a restriction which he said was adding "untold millions" to the cost of new warships.

Secretary Reports Income Payments Up

WASHINGTON — (P) — Secretary Hopkins announced Saturday that income payments to individuals last year totaled \$69,683,000,000, a gain of \$4,120,000,000 over 1938.

4 Hours Long!

Gone With Wind Data Announced

BUDAPEST — (P) — Rumania, high authorities said Saturday night, will ask her Balkan entente partners—Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia—to promise her military support in case of attack by either Germany or Russia. Otherwise the Rumanian government was understood to have indicated it would be forced to seek an agreement with Adolf Hitler.

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BROWNSVILLE PIONEER DIES

Mrs. Fairbanks, 63, Is Widely Known

BROWNSVILLE — Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Margaret McAllen Fairbanks, 63, well-known pioneer resident of Brownsville and the Valley. Mrs. Fairbanks died at 8 a.m. Saturday at her Brownsville home, after a lengthy illness.

Services Sunday

Services will be at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev. Penrose W. Hirst, Episcopal minister, will be in charge. Interment will be at Buena Vista cemetery, under the direction of Hinkey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fairbanks was born Margaret Elizabeth Rohde, March 29, 1876, at Galveston. She came to Brownsville at the age of five, and has made her home here since.

She was married to James B. McAllen in 1903. Four children were born of the union, all now surviving. Mr. McAllen died in 1917.

In 1919 she was married to Dr. G. D. Fairbanks of Brownsville, who survives her.

Survivors Listed

Surviving besides the husband, Mrs. Fairbanks' children are two daughters, Mrs. Pedro A. Chapo of Mexico City, who arrived in Brownsville shortly before her mother's death, and Mrs. William Scanlan of Brownsville; and two sons, Eldred E. and Argyle A. McAllen, both of whom reside on the McAllen ranch near Linn in Hidalgo county.

Pallbearers will be Junie Cobolini, Augustine Celaya, Andres Cuevas, Frank Armstrong, George Puttegat, Jr., Joe Bollack, Louis Brulay and Alfred Puttegat.

Rumania To Ask Aid Of Entente Nations

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EL PASO POLICE ARE SAVED FROM MAJOR SACRIFICE

EL PASO, Tex. — (P) — El Paso's policemen, who volunteered to a man to attend a "girile" show and watch for obscene acts, will not be required to make the sacrifice after all.

The show, following official protest against the "disgraceful" nature of advance publicity, detoured around El Paso Saturday and ticket sellers were refunding money from advanced sales.

Police Chief Robey called for volunteers to attend the show as censors, but the response was so great he announced the men would draw lots to see who attended.

NAZIS WEAKER THAN GERMAN NATION OF '14

Churchill Says Allies Far Stronger

MANCHESTER, England — (P) — Winston Churchill Saturday appraised Nazi Germany as a weaker foe than the Imperi Germany of 1914 while the Allies "are far ahead where we were at this time in the other war."

But he cautioned the British in an address on the progress of the conflict against any relaxation, decrying instead "it is a time to dare and endure."

To Nazi assertions that Britain's convoy system was ineffective, Churchill replied that "out of nearly 7,500 ships convoyed to and from this island only 15 have been lost." He said half of Germany's submarines had been destroyed and new building had fallen far short of what we originally estimated."

He charged Germany with "shameful records" in the conquests of Czechoslovakia and Poland, from which he said "we can judge what our own fate would be should we fall into her clutches."

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Only Three Days Left In Which To Obtain Voting Right

CAMERON SET FOR PUSH AT LAST MINUTE

Agar Estimates 9000 More To Buy

BROWNSVILLE—Three days remain in which to pay 1940 poll tax. At Brownsville the courthouse office and at Harlingen the branch office will be open Wednesday night until midnight to accommodate the expected last-minute rush, Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector Ralph T. Agar said Saturday. Only 3,228 poll tax receipts have been issued since they became payable October 1, and an estimated 350 new exemptions, deputies in his office reported. Deadline is midnight January 31.

Mr. Agar now estimates a maximum of 9,000 poll receipts will be issued in Cameron county. His first estimate of 16,000 has been reduced since early payments of poll taxes were so few.

Big Rush Forecast

His office will be hard put to issue the balance of the estimated 9,000 in the three days remaining. Poll tax payers "will be standing in line" the last days, he said.

Around the courthouse county officials recalled previous years when long lines of poll tax payers formed in the tax collector's office, and backed far out into the halls.

With national, state and county elections up this year, it is expected more persons will pay their poll tax than last year, when 7,415 paid. There were 1,767 old and new exemptions in 1939.

Only about a dozen poll taxes have been paid by agents acting under the authorization of persons expecting to be out of the county during the poll tax paying period. Mr. Akar said Saturday.

Method Outlined

The form authorizing an agent must be certified before a notary public by the person for whom the poll tax receipt is intended, Mr. Agar said.

Methods of handling poll tax payments have been subjected to criticism in the Valley as well as throughout the state and in other parts of the south.

Restrictions on the issuance of poll tax receipts to authorized agents have been under fire in the Valley. Mr. Agar said Saturday he has required all forms authorizing agents to be filled out properly and signed before a notary.

Can Be Cancelled

Later if any questions arise as to the validity of the poll taxes paid by agents, the receipts can be cancelled on the poll tax books and the election judges notified, he said.

He has conferred with County Attorney Jack Wiech as to the proper steps to require in the case of poll tax payments by agents.

Charro Days Open Sunday

(Continued From Page 1)

endar is the Buccaneer Ball, to be held Monday evening.

A Mexican supper is to be held Tuesday night, and a style show, at which costumes from all parts of Latin America will be shown, is scheduled for Wednesday night. Another dance by the Triple L Club is to be held Wednesday night at the Country club.

The Fiesta proper then opens Thursday, the two big events of the day being the Promenade and the Grand Costume Ball. The costume ball has been one of the outstanding events of the Charro Days since it was started, and attracts a huge gathering of people in brilliant costumes.

Other entertainment the opening day includes an art exhibit, a junior grand ball, window displays, and "Bits of Old Mexico." The latter is a typical Mexican village which has been constructed for the event.

Mexican Village

Thatched huts with palm-leaf roofs have been erected, and the visitors will be able to buy any kind of Mexican food. Many entertainment events, including Mexican games, are arranged in this interesting feature of Charro Days. It will be open throughout Charro Week.

The Grand Parade will take place February 2, and is probably the outstanding event of the entire show. The floats in Charro Days are all horse-drawn, another departure from the conventional float idea.

The big parade will be repeated Friday night, the night parade in the past having proved even more spectacular than the daytime event.

The International Rodeo will be held Friday afternoon and evening, and again Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's program includes the children's parade, which proves a particularly popular event with 10,000 youngsters marching, all in costume.

The rodeo in the afternoon and night parade in the evening will be topped off by the costume street dance, billed as the world's largest costume ball, and the regatta ball at the El Jardin Hotel.

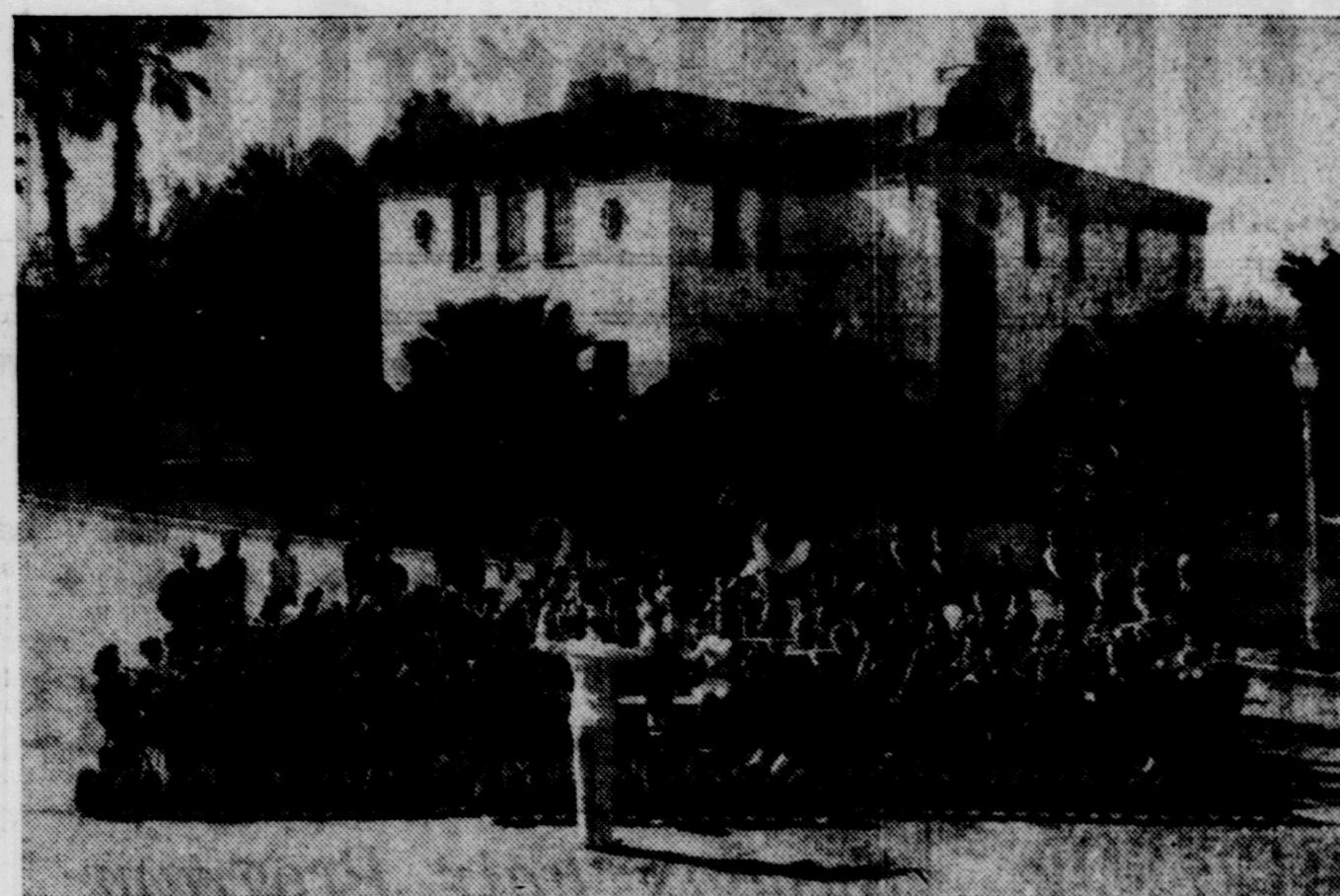
Charro Days will come to an end Sunday with considerable activity in Matamoros, and the speedboat regatta in Brownsville.

Townsend Fish Fry Is Again Postponed

PORIS ISABEL—For the second time in as many weeks, the cold wave has postponed the Valley-wide Townsend fish fry indefinitely.

James C. Bunting, president of the Port Isabel Townsend club, announced Friday that the Sunday fish fry to have been sponsored by the club, has been postponed indefinitely.

Weslaco's Championship Band At Fair



Here is Weslaco's proudest contribution to the Valley Mid-Winter Fair, the Weslaco high school band. This fine, 81-piece championship organization has won numerous honors in band competition during the past several years, and Sunday afternoon will be featured in concert to be given in the Harlingen municipal auditorium. William Krauledat is director of the band.

STATE CHAMP BAND CONCERT

Weslaco Unit Plays At Fair Today

HARLINGEN—Weslaco's champion high school band, directed by William Krauledat, will be presented in concert at 3:30 p.m. this Sunday at the municipal auditorium as a feature of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair.

The 81-piece band, which took part in the Parade of States, opening feature of the Fair, and made a hit with the big crowd viewing the event, has won many championships in school band competition during the past several years, and are certain to provide a treat Sunday afternoon for the many who attended the concert.

Student officers of the musical organization include Howard Lombard, president; Joseph Schoen, vice-president; Alyne Johnson, secretary; Katie Rogers, drum major; Billy Lee and Bruce Edwards, assistant conductors; Margaret Ann Mitchell, girls' representative, and Carson Hoge, boys' representative.

The judgment represented fore-closure on a chattel mortgage and deed of trust and gives the school district title to property in Nueces County near Corpus Christi, a lot in Hollywood, Calif., and other holdings of the defendant at Barstow, Texas, and in Edinburg.

The suit here was the second the school district has filed against Pearson, well-known contractor who at one time figured prominently in Hidalgo construction activity. The first was settled February 1, 1934, in district court of Harris county when the district was given a note for \$50,000 by Pearson, secured by the property listed in the local judgment. Failing to receive payment on the note, the district instituted the second suit in 33rd District Court here last November.

Norris Would Back Wheeler For Chief

WASHINGTON—(P)—Senator Norris of Nebraska, independent ally of President Roosevelt, said Saturday that he would support Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) for the presidency if Wheeler obtained the Democratic nomination.

ALLOWABLES PROTEST

DALLAS—(P)—H. P. Nichols, executive vice-president of the East Texas Oil Association, said Saturday East Texans would meet here next Friday to protest East Texas oil allowances and shutdowns.

STOLEN GADGET

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BLOOD PRESSURE

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The speculation centered on what the thief would do with the blood pressure instrument, since the doctor was registering the highest blood pressure in town. Police said they had no leads.

Cameron Valuations Cut To Be Asked

EDINBURG—Ralph T. Agar, Cameron county tax assessor-collector, said Saturday he will recommend to county commissioners a reduction of 25 per cent in valuations on the county's real estate on acreage and on city lots, not on improvements—for 1940.

Such a reduction would cut the

SCHOOL GIVEN BIG JUDGMENT

Edinburg Unit Sues W. L. Pearson

EDINBURG—A judgment of \$83,523.28 has been awarded the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District against W. L. Pearson, of Houston in civil district court here in a foreclosure suit, court records disclosed Saturday.

Mr. Agar recommends also that tax suits be filed against all disinterested taxpayers. "By disinterested I mean those who have not interviewed me, paid their current tax and made satisfactory arrangement to pay their delinquent tax."

A reduction of the valuation on real estate he considers necessary to assess the property at its cash market value, which he recommends for both real and personal property, "and I am requesting the taxpayers to render their property that way."

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He suggests that where delinquent tax exceeds the present value of property, the tax be re-assessed "where reason may be found for so doing."

"We have found that in tax sales held so far," he said, "it has been necessary for some tax district to buy in the property, no individual bids being offered, and this in all probability will result in less revenue than would be received under a reassessment."

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

DEATH OF SUICIDE

HOUSTON, Tex.—(P)—A verdict of suicide was returned by Justice Ben Moorehead in the death of W. E. Hancock, about 50, who was found shot to death Saturday in a hotel room here.

PLenty of BIG JUICY STEAKS

REMOVAL SALE

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HARLINGEN

AUCTION AT FAIR TURNS 275 CATTLE

4-H And FFA Boys Get \$4800 For Work

(See Picture At Bottom Of Page)

HARLINGEN—Approximately 275 head of cattle ran through the auction ring at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair grounds Saturday morning and afternoon and a rough estimate by fair officials late Saturday night showed that approximately \$17,000 had been totalled in sales.

Forty-two head of the 4-H boys' and FFA boys' calves brought approximately \$4800.

More than 225 head of feeder cattle were sold, bringing over \$12,000.

Results of the 4-H and FFA division of the cattle sale were: Owner, buyer, price and purchase:

Two head of cattle owned by Aron and Harold Reynolds of McAllen was bought by the Southwestern Packing Company for the First National Bank of Harlingen for 20 cents per head.

Aron and Harold Reynolds bought by Woods Christian for First National Bank of Brownsville for 16.5 cents per pound.

Billy Babe of La Blanca bought by Southwest Packing Company for 13.25 cents per pound.

Jimmy Lowe, bought for Oklahoma Grocery, Raymondville, for 12.50 cents by Ted Cecil.

Ross Johnson, Sebastian, bought by Alice Livestock Commission Company for 12.50 cents by Ted Cecil.

Jimmy Lowe, bought for South Texas Cotton Oil Company for 12 cents.

Jimmy Lowe, bought for Brenner's Market, Raymondville, for 11.75 cents per pound by Southwest Packing Company.

Jimmy Lowe, bought by Rees-Wil-Mond Hotel, Harlingen, for 12 cents by Southwest Packing Company.

Jimmy Lowe, bought for Piggly Wiggly, Raymondville, for 12.50 cents by Henry Carlisle.

Kenneth Morrow, Lyford, bought for Sherman Grocery, Harlingen, for 12.25 cents by Henry Carlisle.

Harold Morrow, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 12.75 cents by Henry Carlisle.

Ross Johnson, bought for Haumann Packing Company, Brownsville, for 12 cents.

Eugene Parks, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 12.50 cents.

Ross Johnson, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 10.50 cents.

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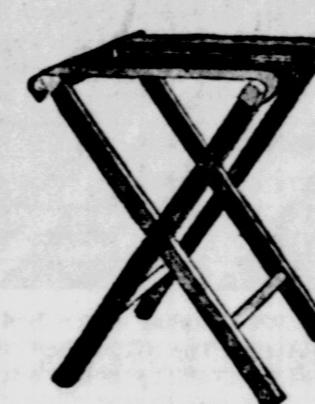
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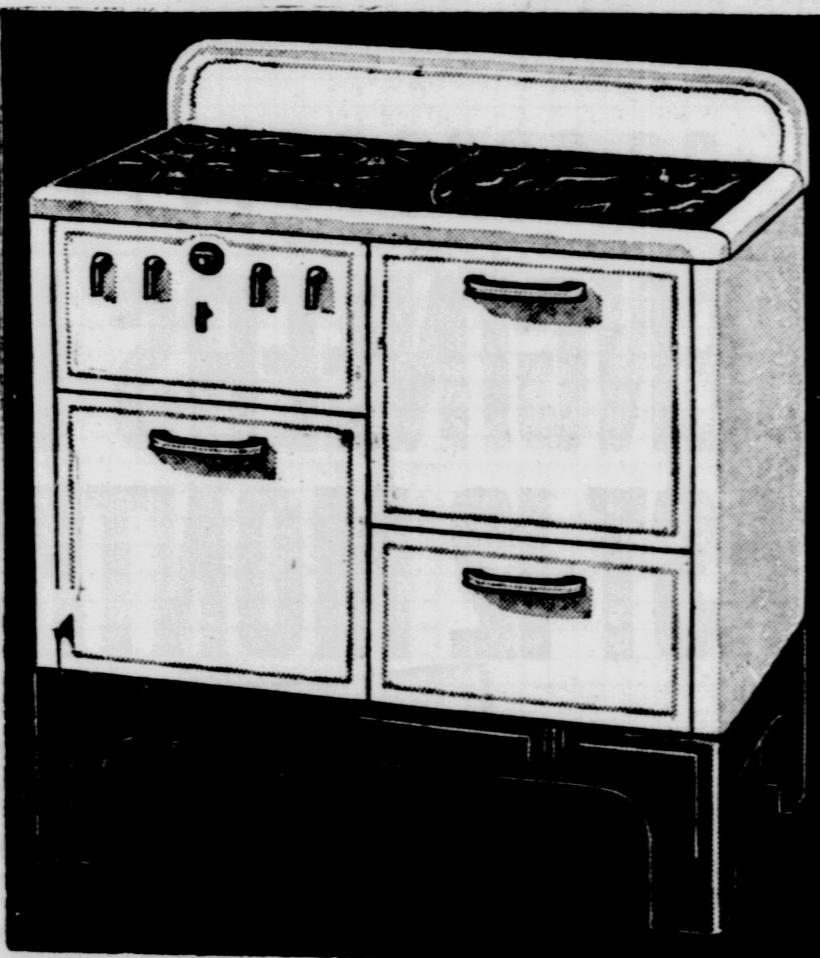
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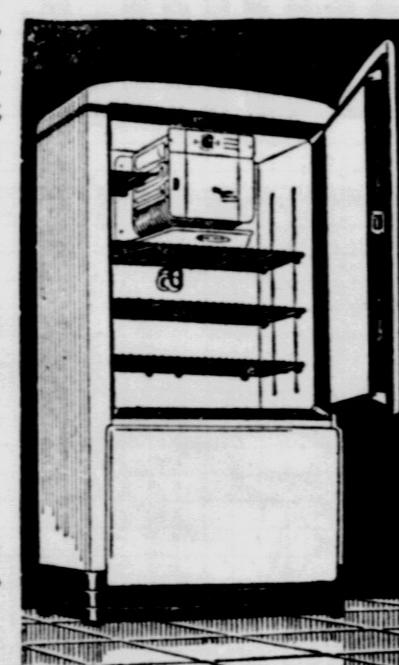
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HEARING SET IN DEATH OF FEDERAL MAN

2 Men Are Charged With Murder

EDINBURG — Preliminary hearings for Felipe Solis and Guillermo Vinicia, both charged with murder in the January 17 death of Patrol Inspector William L. Sills of the United States Border Patrol in Starr county, have been moved ahead to February 2, U. S. Commissioner H. V. Watts announced here Saturday.

Watts said the continuance of the hearing, originally scheduled for January 26, was granted after the defendants informed him they were still seeking counsel and the government's attorney at Houston asked more time in which to prepare its case.

Solis and Vinicia were taken into custody the night of January 17 after both Inspector Sills and Moises ("El Mocho") Alvarado were shot to death in a gun battle at a scene where three men were allegedly surprised by patrolmen in the act of smuggling goats across the Rio Grande. Alvarado was killed instantly, and Sills died en route to the McAllen hospital. Alvarado's body was later taken back across the river by friends, according to Chief Patrol Inspector Fletcher Rawls.

Solis and Vinicia are residents of La Grulla and, according to border patrol records, are American citizens. Alvarado was a Mexican citizen and was listed in patrol files as a bad man, deported at least once before by U. S. authorities.

The two defendants in the murder case are also charged with smuggling, on which they were granted bonds of \$1,000 each by Commissioner Watts several days ago. They are in custody at the federal jail at Brownsville. The murder cases are not bailable. Both charges were filed by Assistant U. S. Attorney George O. B. John of Houston.

Brothers Charged In Narcotics Case

NEW YORK.—(P)—The 3 Neiditch brothers fell afoul of the government Friday for the second time in a week—charged with being the "most powerful operators in narcotic traffic" uncovered by the federal narcotics bureau in 20 years.

The three—Harry, George and Charles—were indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate narcotics laws and released in \$1,500 bail each for a hearing February 13.

Relief Office Gets Transient Supplies

HARLINGEN—Mrs. Kurt Naumann of the Harlingen welfare office Saturday expressed appreciation for the response of citizens to the call for clothing for those placed in need by the cold weather. The local Red Cross chapter donated \$50 for emergency relief purposes, Mrs. Naumann said.

Negro Goes To Pen In Car Murder Case

CORISCANA.—(P)—Willie Scourten, Malakoff negro, was found guilty of murder and given two years in the penitentiary by a jury here Saturday night.

He was tried in connection with the death of Mrs. Crump Huff of Longview, fatally injured in an automobile collision here last July.

This Group Certain To Be Treated Well

HOUSTON.—(P)—The government of Guatemala Saturday instructed its local consul, T. L. Evans, to show every courtesy to the Latin-American aerial tour party leaving here February 4.

The instructions no doubt will be followed. Evans happens to be manager of the tour.

FISH FRY POSTPONED

PORT ISABEL — The Townsend Club fish fry scheduled here this week Friday had been postponed indefinitely, James C. Bunting, president, announced. He said the supper would be announced later.

CHARRO BUG BITES BEAUTIES



Miss Maria Romero of Dallas, left, and Miss Marjorie McGuire of Nashville, Tenn., hostesses for Braniff Airways and American Air Lines, respectively, became infected with the spirit of Charro Days when they met in Brownsville, and donned Charro costume, while on a goodwill tour to Mexico. "I guess Charro Days is not a disease, but it's infectious, anyhow," Miss McGuire said.

Weslaco Proves City Ownership Of Waterworks Can Be Made Profitable By Efficient Operation

Profit Is Shown By Manager In New Reports

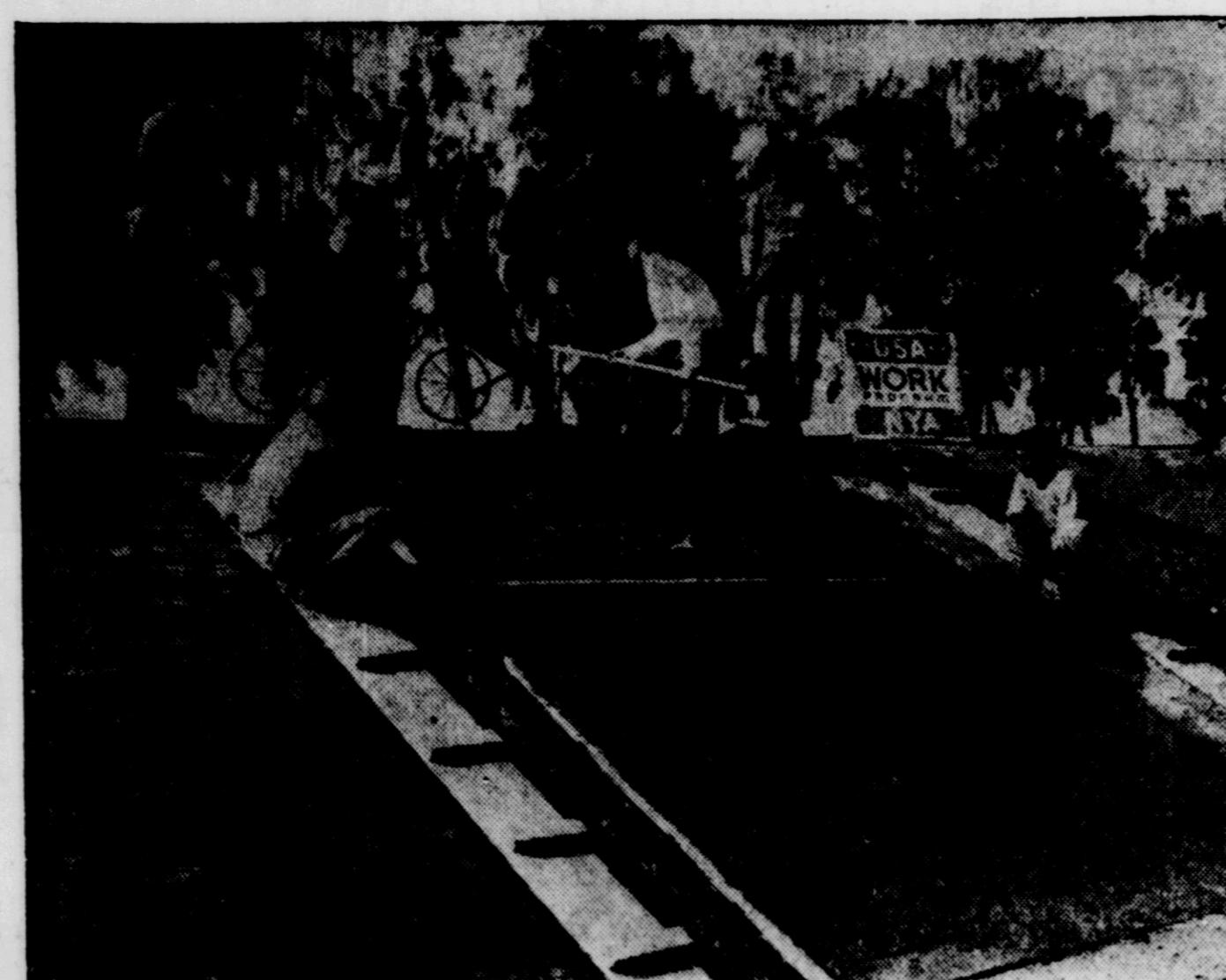
By BRAD SMITH

WESLACO — Proving that municipal ownership and operation of water system can be made a financial success, and in addition, help a municipality shoulder some of its other financial burdens, Weslaco city officials have just released the annual report on the Weslaco waterworks system for 1939.

City Secretary Virgin Thompson has presented the annual report to the city commission which shows that the system sold \$38,063.82 worth of water during the past year and that the cost of operating the system was considerably below that figure. Thus was provided a "nice profit," Thompson stated. The figure quoted was the gross revenue for the past year. It showed an increase of \$1,543.80, or slightly more than 4 per cent over 1938. Weslaco citizens used 120,000,000 gallons of water in 1939, or at least, the city bought that many gallons from Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 9. Of course, some of the water was used by the fire department, for operation of the municipal sewage disposal system, and for other municipal uses.

Rate About Same

Weslaco's city water rate to consumers is about the same as that charged in other Valley cities. The regular minimum rate provides 4,000 gallons for \$2, the minimum bill for any consumer. The city also offers a special "sprinkling rate," however, in order to provide ample water at a low enough rate to encourage property owners to maintain their premises in an attractive way by growing grass, shrubs and flowers. This rate provides 10,000 gallons of water for a minimum charge of \$3, plus 15 cents per 1,000 gallons in excess of 10,000 gallons. About half of Weslaco's 1,000 water customers use the "sprinkler rate."



NYA workers pouring concrete on the \$8,000 Dunbar filter bed now being constructed for the Weslaco municipal waterworks and sewage system. The filter bed will add 6,000 square feet of treating space at the Weslaco sewage disposal plant and will provide adequate facilities for Weslaco's increasing population.

The waterworks system in Weslaco, in addition to paying for itself, is also paying for the city's sanitary sewer system and provides a little money for general fund uses. From each \$2 minimum monthly water charge collected, the city deducts 50 cents to provide an interest and sinking fund for retiring outstanding sewer system bonds and for operating the sewage disposal system. No charge for sewer service is made by the city. There are now only \$35,000 in bonds outstanding against the sewer system and the issue matures in

1949. The city anticipates no difficulty in meeting these maturities. The city values its sewage disposal plant at \$31,372 and its sewage and drainage system at \$30,000 for a total sewage system investment of \$61,372. A new Dunbar filter bed is now being installed at the disposal plant which will greatly increase the capacity of the plant in anticipation of Weslaco's future needs. This project, jointly financed by the city and the National Youth Administration, calls for a \$6,000 expenditure by the NYA and \$1,700 by the city. It will provide 6,000 additional square feet of

space for final treatment of sewage before disposal.

Weslaco's waterworks system is carried on by city books at a value of \$152,000, with the city filtration plant valued at \$41,496, for a total investment of \$193,496. Leo Pettit is superintendent of the waterworks system, which employs six to ten persons regularly in maintenance work. The system is operated under supervision of the Texas Department of Health and Weslaco water is inspected and tested regularly by that department. Its monthly reports have been invariably good, Pettit stated.

Sen. Wheeler Backed By United Mine Men

COLUMBUS, O.—(P)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Montana democrat, generally was credited Saturday by political observers with having the United Mine Workers of America's 600,000 members back of him for the presidential nomination if Franklin D. Roosevelt decides to forego a third-term bid.

Three Are Trapped In Illinois Blaze

MACOMB, Ill.—(P)—A young woman and three children burned to death Saturday in a fire that destroyed their home as they slept.

The victims were Mrs. Olive Wishon, 22, a divorcee; her daughter, Connie Roberta, 2; her son, Junior Duane, 9 months, and her sister, Odilia Shilps, 8.

Weslaco IOOF Unit Holds Installation

WESLACO — Weslaco Odd Fellows held the regular installation service Tuesday night in the I. O. F. hall, with District Deputy Grand Master F. M. Cooper of Donna as the installing officer.

Members selected to serve for the new term were S. L. Owen, noble grand, and supporters A. A. Snetter and W. W. Ludwig; vice grand, Lester Tisdale and supporters, Dr. Bellier and Jack Gallion; E. I. Emmons, recording secretary; A. F. Smith, financial secretary; J. B. Funk, treasurer; J. D. Brixey, war dean; H. C. Barber, conductor; Eddie Henricksen, chaplain; H. Hudson, inside guard; Ben Guess, outside guard; Lawrence Ferking, past noble grand.

Principal speaker was Rev. J. Beatty Smith of San Juan who spoke on the Kiwanis International theme for 1940, "Citizenship Responsibility—the Price of Liberty." To uphold liberty, he listed three things—the ballot, individual service, and international leadership by America.

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She was a member of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment will take place at Rose Lawn cemetery here with A. T. Ray, W. T. Gartman, F. B. Webb, T. W. Kelly, George T. Murray and T. W. Worley serving as pallbearers.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Kreidler chapel in McAllen with Rev. Henry W. Shirley, pastor of the First Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Taylor of San Antonio, and Mrs. C. W. Porter, Monticello, Ark.; two granddaughters, a grandson, and a niece, Mrs. M. L. Brady of McAllen.

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George McCullough was program chairman. Visitors were O. A. Cunningham, Monte Vista, Colo.; E. G. Reynolds, Butch Stutzenbecker, Bill Pace, Phillip Boeye, John Lacy, H. K. Sharp, Chris Carey, E. E. Porter, Paul Jones and Wilfred Dean, all of McAllen; A. W. Soderberg, Wichita, Kans.; Sandy Alanson, San Antonio; O. C. Caswell, C. W. Liljestrand and Otto Kusel, Edinburg; and W. H. Maddux, Pharr.

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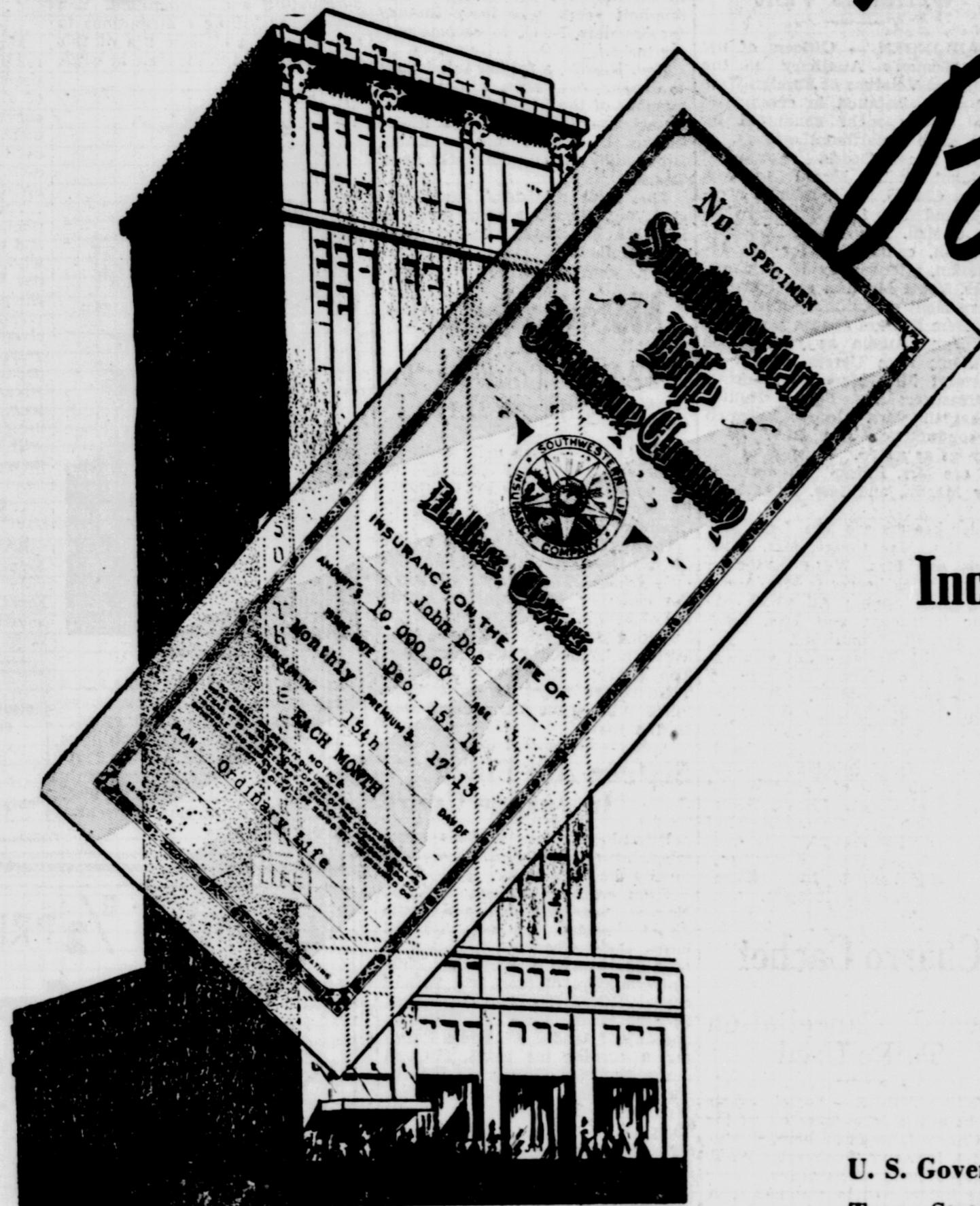
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(Unpaid Premiums Not Included)

ASSETS

	December 31 1938	December 31 1939
U. S. Government Bonds	\$12,369,768.05	\$10,756,292.93
Texas State, County and Municipal Bonds	14,296,401.34	14,568,579.00
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds	2,711,302.32	3,480,366.30
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate	12,820,349.85	18,048,008.29
Home Office Building	1,475,000.00	1,450,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,498,290.95	1,496,777.52
Stocks	399,652.25	576,928.00
Cash	1,375,738.84	1,657,303.53
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance	114,940.00	128,962.00
Interest on Investments Accrued But Not Yet Due	664,775.64	683,310.76
Unpaid Mortgage Interest	60,137.78	103,909.88
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	<u>13,413,942.51</u>	<u>14,238,782.22</u>
	<u>\$61,200,299.53</u>	<u>\$67,189,220.43</u>

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves	\$52,129,249.08	\$57,804,399.47
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	1,103,352.09	1,090,664.20
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	357,123.57	454,156.76
Total Liabilities	<u>\$53,589,724.74</u>	<u>\$59,349,220.43</u>
Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyholders:		
Capital Stock	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Surplus	<u>3,610,574.79</u>	<u>3,840,000.00</u>
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A. C. La Duke, Weslaco

Valley Scout Leaders Map Plans For 1940 Activities, Funds Campaign

BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR IS VOTED UPON

Goal Is To Triple Enrollment Here

MERCEDES—Plans to triple Boy Scout enrollment in the Rio Grande Valley, to double the number of troops to expand activities and to launch the annual campaign for funds on Feb. 12, were mapped by officials meeting at the City Hall here this week.

Twenty men, representing every Valley community, voted to adopt a budget of \$14,705.12, a figure determined after two months of study and surveys by committees in various cities. The executive board approved the budget and plans for the funds drive were turned over to the finance committee.

Must Train Youth

"America must not let her youth remain untrained and subject to propaganda by foreign nations," said Scout Executive A. H. Dreyer, Mercedes, head of scouting in the four Valley counties. "We must give our boys an outlet for their natural enthusiasm, and must train them along democratic principles. If we don't, you may rest assured those promoting various isms will attempt to capture their beliefs."

Total number of Valley boys enrolled in scouting at present is only 1,300. There are 54 units or troops, composed of from two to five patrols each. The 1940 objective is to add 41 units.

A survey this fall revealed at least 2,000 boys of scouting age who would like to join, but who haven't been approached. A further survey is now being made to gain a more accurate figure.

Bennet Presides

The Mercedes meeting was presided over by E. C. Bennet of Harlingen, campaign chairman. Those present included Mr. Bennet, Mr. Dreyer, Keith McCance, Valley wide chairman, and the following district leaders:

District 1, Brownsville, Jack Wiesch, Thruem Kruger and Matthew Lynn; District 2, San Benito, Morgan Finley; District 3, La Feria, Ralph Smith, Perry Bond, and Ben Woods; District 6, Mercedes, J. H. Davis and Gene Brown; District 7, Weslaco, Don Ransom and Frank White; District 11, McAllen, Dick Harris and Ernest Polzin; District 12, Mission, E. R. Williams, Lloyd Ramey and E. E. Marburger.

Norwegian Princess Calls On All Women

OSLO, Norway—(P)—Crown Princess Martha appealed to Norwegian women in a broadcast Friday night to prepare as much as possible to take over men's work in the event of national mobilization or war.

FOLSOM VISIT MEXICO
McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Folsom returned Friday night after a two weeks' trip to Mexico City.

Garner Says Lewis' Opposition Is The Best Political Asset He Has, And He

Is Sorry The CIO Leader Flayed FDR

WASHINGTON—(P)—Vice-President Garner told friends Saturday that "John L. Lewis' opposition is the best political asset I have."

That was described authoritatively as the vice president's

LABOR VOTE RULES-LEWIS

Warns Democrats Not To Be 'Stupid'

(Garner's reply, adjoining column)

COLUMBUS, O.—(P)—John L. Lewis bluntly advised the Democratic party's leadership Saturday that any hope of victory in November without labor's help was "the depth of stupidity."

The CIO chieftain, who has suggested the Democrats join forces with labor for the 1940 presidential campaign, warned it was "fatal strategy" for the party leaders to believe that his followers had "no place to go."

While practically eliminating the Republican party as a haven because of its frankly hostile attitude, Lewis declined to suggest an alternative.

He avoided committing himself on presidential possibilities at a press conference, which followed a week's sessions of the United Mine Workers fraught with political implications.

"I have no candidate as yet," he said.

The most important question, he said, was not who will be nominated for president, but what the Democratic party proposes to do for the country.

Committee Critical Of Loan Insurance

WASHINGTON—(P)—A proposal that the Farm Security Administration insure \$350,000,000 worth of tenant farm-purchasing loans drew fire from members of the House agriculture committee at a hearing Thursday.

Tip o' Texas Topics



No paved road leads to the Xochicalco pyramids off the Cuernavaca-Taxco highway and it can be reached only after a 15-minute climb up a hill. It is well worth seeing, however.

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ing the Christmas season. That is the reason for the name which means Christmas eve.

The Valley Mid-Winter Fair was unofficially represented at an American embassy tea in Mexico. We met Ambassador Joseph Daniels and he graciously invited us to a reception that was to be given that afternoon to a San Francisco delegation which was seeking a Mexican exhibit at their next exposition. Mr. Ambassador said that a Dallas delegation was on hand seeking a similar exhibit at the Texas State Fair and that the Texas delegation was to be given a Texas Fair in 1940 that we might just put in a bid for the Harlingen fair.

Mountainside farming between Tamazunchale and Ixmiquilpan amazes the foreign visitor. We had heard that farming was done on such steep mountainsides that corn could be harvested by shooting off the ears with a rifle and letting them roll down to one's feet. It was Mrs. Wilbur Wiegand of Mexico City who told us that the Indian farmers in some cases actually tie themselves to trees while cultivating these farms and it is easily believable. Most of the cultivating apparently consists merely of punching holes in the ground, placing seeds in them and keeping weeds down with a hoe although furrows were to be seen in places.

Notable vegetation seen from the highway: Palm forests and orchids between Valles and Tamazunchale, red nopal cactus leaves on the road to Cuernavaca and Taxco, oranges and tangerines near Montemorelos (confidentially, the brilliant tangerines are Mexico's best citrus), bluebonnets in profusion between Cuernavaca and Taxco, the most brilliant colored bougainvilleas we ever saw (maybe it was the mountain sunshine that made them seem that way) at Cuernavaca where they had two shades of red, the purple shade so familiar to Valley people and the so-called yellow which is really more flame colored than anything else, trees whose names were unknown to us having soft but bright red trunks, and dozens of other unidentified specimens.

Tropical fruits and vegetables with the possible exception of batatas, aguacates, pineapples and citrus usually don't appeal much to tourists. Guavas and mangos were out of season. Grana China (Chinese pomegranate) did not appear nor did some of the vegetables such as jicama, pronounced surprisingly like cucumber, looking like huge turnips, tasting like rutabagas and probably something entirely different from any of these.

It is a temptation to bring back specimens of orchids and other plants but all are banned except bananas, pineapples, and grapes. No fruits with seeds may be brought back under U. S. department of agriculture regulations.

Tourists using Mexican taxis sometimes gasp to see Ford or Chevrolet speedometers marked up to 160. Well, it's kilometers and not miles if it bothers you although they seem to drive that fast in miles in heavy traffic sometimes. Best way to tell how far you are from any place is to have a map showing the distance in miles and note the mileage at stopping points. Forgetting that, a way of roughly determining distances in miles is to multiply kilometers by five and dividing by eight. Litres, the measure by which gasoline is sold, gets some tourists mixed up. A litre is equal to 1.0567 quarts and the average tank will hold 40 to 50. Gasoline costs 18 cents a litre.

This series will be concluded next week, the editor permitting further rambling.

A Message to Texans

Cotton Bags mean Jobs for Texans



TEXAS produces 14,000,000 boxes of CITRUS FRUIT each year. 1,000 box-size bags require 2-3 of a bale of cotton. It would require the hint of 20,000 acres and about 2,000,000 hours of farm labor to provide the cotton alone for sufficient bags to sack the Texas Citrus crop. 100,000 hours of bag factory labor, too, would add to the income of Texas people—so

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MAKE MORE JOBS FOR TEXANS

HEADS SEATED BY VFW WOMEN

Veterans Auxiliary Officials Visit

HARLINGEN—Officers of the new Women's Auxiliary to the Harlingen Veterans of Foreign Wars Post were installed in ceremonies here Friday night conducted by three state department officers.

Mrs. Irene Dodds, department president, Dallas; Mrs. Icie Shoop, Corpus Christi, Sixth District president, and Mrs. Lola Sanders, Corpus Christi, department hospital chairman, came here for the installation, attended by 17 members.

Mrs. Vadie McMinn was installed as president of Auxiliary Post 2410; Mrs. Bera Howard as vice president; Mrs. Jane Austin as junior vice president; Miss Dorcas Larson as secretary; Mrs. Margaret Hancock as treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Hunter as chaplain; Mrs. Alma Engleman as conductress, and Mrs. Julia Knowles as guard. Trustees of the post are Mrs. Herma Bossom, Mrs. Lucy Martin, and Mrs. Della Larson.

Color bearers are Mrs. Lelia Milard, Mrs. Mae Cooke, Mrs. Alice Harris and Mrs. Willie Kathryn Romine. Flag bearer is Mrs. Adele Scott; Mrs. Sophia Adams is patriotic instructor, and Mrs. Julia Kleinschmidt is musician.

Mrs. Kleinenschmidt was appointed Sixth District musician by the district president, Mrs. Icie Shoop, Corpus Christi, and was installed during the ceremonies.

Plans were perfected for attendance of a local delegation to the district conference of the VFW and auxiliary at Corpus Christi Saturday and Sunday. Commander Sid Howard of VFW Post 2410 was present to welcome the new auxiliary and complimented Mrs. Kleinenschmidt on her appointment.

Second motorcade will be a fishing trip to Port Isabel Saturday. The group will leave at 8 a. m. Tourists are asked to bring their lunch with them for a day's stay on the coast.

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McAllen Minister Leaves For New Carolina Pulpit

McALLEN—Dr. J. W. Hassell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in McAllen for the past five and one-half years, will leave Sunday for Spindale, N. C., to become pastor there.

Rev. Hassell, a former missionary to Japan, has been a prominent member of the McAllen Ministerial Association. He has been a leader in the movement for returning Bible study to the public schools of Texas.

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Motorcades Set

McAllen Tourists To See Charro Days

McALLEN—Two motorcades to Cameron County are planned for the coming week-end by the tourist department of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

The first will be a caravan to the Charro Days celebration at Brownsville Friday. The tourists will leave the chamber of commerce building at 8:30 a. m.

Second motorcade will be a fishing trip to Port Isabel Saturday.

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Sixteen Are Fined In Justice Court

PHARRE—Sixteen persons were tried before Justice R. L. Savage during the past week.

Fines were as follows: W. W. Harvey, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Floyd Umstead, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Louis Chenuault, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Walter Phillips, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Clifford Hunt, no rear lights, \$1 and costs; Jesse F. Freeman, speeding, \$1 and costs; Pedro Ramirez, disturbing the peace, \$10 and costs; Nicholas Gutierrez, disturbing the peace, \$10 and costs; Hal Woolridge, vagrancy, \$25 and costs; Ynocencio Guerra, road law violation, \$1 and costs; Joe Herrera, speeding, \$1 and costs; Leos Cantu, no chauffeur's license, \$1 and costs; Graham Crandall, violation of road law, \$1 and costs; Ray A. Yeagan, drunk in private place, \$1 and costs; W. G. Spiker, drunk in private place, \$1 and costs.

Attractively designed by Mrs. George McGonigle, Jr., the cachet portrays a Charro and China Poblana as well as the fiesta dates.

Mrs. McGonigle has designed the cachets since the birth of the Charro festival. There were about 13,000 letters cached a year ago.

COAL SHORTAGE DUE

CINCINNATI—(P)—Threat of an "acute coal shortage" hung over portions of the Ohio valley Friday night as the mercury tobogganed again to sub-zero depths and the Ohio River "ice barrier" grew to new proportions.

A litre is equal to 1.0567 quarts and the average tank will hold 40 to 50. Gasoline costs 18 cents a litre.

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Mother Of McAllen Man Seriously Ill

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McColl have been confined to their home for several days because of influenza.

Mr. McColl's mother, Mrs. Joseph McColl, 92, is at the point of death at her home, Oskaloosa, Iowa, her son learned Saturday. Due to his health at this time, it is not certain whether he will be able to make the trip to Oskaloosa.

"You have always manifested a beautiful spirit of brotherhood, understanding and cooperation. You have made lasting contributions to the religious and civic life of this community and to the state at large.

McALLEN—Due to a decision to publish display newspaper advertisements giving a classified list of all members of the McAllen chamber of commerce, the enlistment campaign will be continued until next Friday. Aubrey Thomas, membership chairman, said Saturday.

The directors voted to give wide publicity to home people, tourists and all newcomers to McAllen as to who is working for McAllen and the Valley through the McAllen chamber.

Not only will all members be classified according to doctors, lawyers, druggists, meat markets, fruit packers and others in newspaper advertisements, but visitors and tourists will be provided with individual copies and framed copies will hang in the chamber of commerce lobby.

Students Are Ill

RANGERVILLE—Miss Betty Jayne Foust, sophomore at Brownsville junior college, and William Foust, junior in the San Benito school, this week were confined to their home with heavy colds.

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CAVETT'S CENTRAL DRUG 101 E. Jackson WALGREEN AGENCY Harlingen

One resolution it's not too late to make



No matter what's happened to the rest of those first-of-the-year vows, there's still time to resolve to have yourself some fun this year with that power-packed, sure-fire pleasure producer—a slyly, sprightly, roadwise 1940 Buick.

You can put yourself behind a husky Dynaflash straight-eight that's a veritable tornado when it comes to going places—but actually silkier than watchworks in its smooth-and-easy freedom from vibration.

You can switch to gentle coil springs and never need another "lube job." You can discard the

old-type gear lever for Handshift transmission that works with a finger-flick.

You can help yourself to room—the spacious expanse of the Buick Super's next-thing-to-five-feet front seats. You can ride in Foamtex cushion comfort, with Safety Plate Glass all around you and everything from a built-in automatic choke to Buick's exclusive Fore-N-Aft Direction Signal to make driving easy and convenient.

TAMPER-PROOF GAS TANKS—your ignition key locks the gas tank door in the fender, prevents gasoline loss through pilferage. Standard equipment at no extra cost.

So why wait to get your Buick? Prices are low now—lower than on some sixes—and delivery is prompt. Your dealer has a full line to show, too, and your old car's worth more now than it will be later.

How about some action? Time's a-wasting, there's fun to be had—and there's a Buick waiting to hang your license plates on!



"Best buy's Buick!"

EXEMPLAR OF GENERAL MOTORS VALUE

SEE YOUR NEAREST BUICK DEALER

The Flint Comes Home

Captain Says Crew Wanted To Fight It Out With Nazis, But He Restrained Them

BALTIMORE—(P)—The weather-beaten American freighter City of Flint, once seized by a German crew and re-dubbed the "Alf," came home from her wartime adventure Saturday, her own name in bold, box-car letters on her sides and the stars and stripes whipping from her.

From her 40 crewmen and Captain J. A. Gainard came stories of international entanglement with Nazis, Russians, Englishmen and Norwegians; of warship searchlights stabbing at her across cold northern waters; of facing quickly uncovered Russian guns as she attempted to leave Murmansk; and of a threatened shipboard fight.

Crew Is Praised

The thin, soft-spoken skipper had nothing but praise for his crew, back home for the first time in 113 days. They were freed by the Norwegian government which ruled the Germans stopped illegally in a neutral port.

"Once only did the crew want to go to work on a German, and that was when I restrained them," Gainard said. He didn't divulge details, but a crewman said the threatened fight was at Tromsø, Norway, when the Americans decided to "have it out" with the Nazi crew.

Why the Germans stopped in Norwegian waters while attempting to run the British blockade to Germany was not explained. One German story had said the battered boat needed repairs; another that an ill seaman needed treatment.

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The only injured or ill seaman said first officer Warren W. Rhoads, York, Pa., was Allison Sellers who "had barked his shins."

FAMED BAND FOR CHARRO

Ran Wilde Is To Play Four Dances



RAN WILDE
Noted Orchestra Here

BROWNSVILLE—One of the best known names among swing band leaders of the music has been added to the list of attractions for Charro Days, 1940 version, according to announcement here.

He is Ran Wilde. And his 13-piece band will furnish music for the four principal costume balls of Charro Days Fiesta, starting with the Buccaneer Ball on January 29, and ending with the Regatta Ball on February 3.

The Grand Ball will be held February 1, and the Junior Hop on February 2. All these events are to be held at the El Jardin Hotel and persons desiring to go should secure reservations at once, according to Lew H. Palmer, manager.

Ran Wilde is outstanding among swing band leaders in that he writes his own arrangements of the musical selections played by his band. His name is known throughout the country, and he and his bandsmen have appeared at the leading hotels from New York to Miami, and from Miami to Hollywood.

Florida Ban

Re-Use Of Container Hit By Court

LEESBURG, Fla.—Circuit Judge J. C. B. Koonce issued an injunction from enforcing a recent rule prohibiting the re-use of containers for citrus fruits.

The injunction will permit F. C. W. Kramer, Jr., local citrus packer, to resume the use of burlap bags he has been utilized for packing grapefruit, oranges and tangerines. Kramer bought several thousand burlap bags, more expensive than the kind usually used for citrus, and used them over and over again taking fruit to his own retail stores in Ohio. The commission order would have halted this practice permanently so Kramer sought a restraining order.

U. S. Building Gains 34 Percent In 1939

WASHINGTON—(P)—The labor department reported Saturday that building permits for new residential construction in 1939 amounted to 34 per cent more than in 1938.

Permits for all types of construction were 20 per cent over the 1938 total.

Crew Of 188 Drowns On British Exmouth

LONDON—(P)—Announcing 188 men—all on board—were lost with the destroyer Exmouth—the admiralty disclosed Saturday the sinking occurred January 21, within 24 hours of the loss of the destroyer Grenville with 76 dead.

Both British vessels were sunk by mines or torpedoes.

Swiss Arrest Pair In Nazi Spy Probe

BERNE, Switzerland—(P)—A retired Swiss army colonel, A. Fonjalla, and a foreigner of undisclosed nationality were arrested by Swiss counter-espionage agent Saturday on charges of spying for Germany.

The first public school for the blind was established in Paris in 1784.

Lillie's Box Score

Valley Rain Eludes Famous Rain-Maker

HARLINGEN—Miss Lillie Stoate, Oxford, Miss., came to the Valley Monday, January 22, promised to bring rain and end the long drought. She has been sitting on the banks of the Fair Park canal daily, predicting it will rain yet. The weather reading for the period in which she has been rain-making is as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Rain	Sky
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MASONS PLAN VALLEY MEET

Edinburg Host Is To State Chiefs

EDINBURG—Information recently received from every section of the state indicates that one of the largest and most interesting Masonic meetings ever held in South Texas will be held here at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, February 7, it was announced Saturday by H. G. Ferguson, worshipful master of the Edinburg Masonic lodge.

Ferguson stated that every elective grand lodge officer of the grand lodge of Texas, including the Honorable Leo Hart, grand master, would be present at the meeting, which will be held in honor of Rogers Kelley, of Edinburg, recently elected grand junior warden of the grand lodge of Texas.

Valley Co-Operates

Ferguson stated that all the lodges in the Valley are joining Edinburg in an effort to make this one of the most outstanding Masonic meetings ever held in this section.

Hart, together with Sam B. Cantey, Jr., deputy grand master; Dr. E. M. Wood, grand senior warden, and George H. Belew, grand secretary, will arrive in the Valley on Monday, February 5. A Valley-wide entertainment committee has been appointed to take charge of these noted and distinguished Masonic visitors, and they will be entertained throughout the entire Valley, according to Wm. J. Burris, of McAllen, district deputy grand master of the Forty-third Masonic District.

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SALES BOOM IN INSURANCE

Southwestern Reports On 1939 Total

DALLAS—With a gain of \$18,151.15 for the year, Southwestern Life Insurance Company now has a total of \$360,768,441 insurance in force, according to C. F. O'Donnell, president.

Announcement of the continued progress of this Texas institution is contained in the Company's 37th annual financial statement, just received here by the following representatives of Southwestern Life in the Valley: William C. Baker, Harlingen; G. E. Atton, Mrs. Marie S. Malone, I. A. Paton, McAllen; O. E. Cannon, Mission; E. C. Couch, Pharr; A. C. LaDuke, Weslaco.

Numerous items in the annual statement reflect the strength of Southwestern Life.

Assets are \$67,189,220.43, representing an increase of \$5,988,920.90 for the year. This is the largest gain in the company's history.

The company continued its enviable record of never having had a default of either interest or principal on any bond owned by it.

In releasing the annual statement, Mr. O'Donnell called attention to completion during the year of a new insurance service commensurate with growth of the company. This new development involves plans for an extensive agency program, launched in full swing on January 1.

Bullets Keep Unity In British Hospital

LONDON—(P)—Unity Freemiford, British friend of Adolf Hitler, Saturday was disclosed to be in Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford and was reported suffering from two bullet wounds in the head, one of which had injured her brain.

Doctors were said to have been amazed that she had been able to complete the journey from Munich, Germany, to England. She arrived at the home of her father, Lord Redesdale, January 4.

Nazi Guns Silence French Line Radios

BERLIN—(P)—German artillery silenced loudspeakers in the French lines at Altenheim on the western front, DNB, official German news agency, said Saturday, because derogatory remarks about Adolf Hitler were broadcast.

DNB said the Germans first warned the French to stop the broadcasts; then fired.

Fielding Is Named SP Freight Manager

HARLINGEN—J. L. Fielding, San Francisco, has been appointed as assistant freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Company in Texas and Louisiana, effective February 1, according to F. L. Gordon, freight traffic manager.

Fielding will have headquarters in Houston. He has been with the Southern Pacific since 1920.

SIX HUNDRED DANCE

WACO, Tex.—(P)—Six hundred couples were expected to attend the Roosevelt birthday ball here Saturday night.

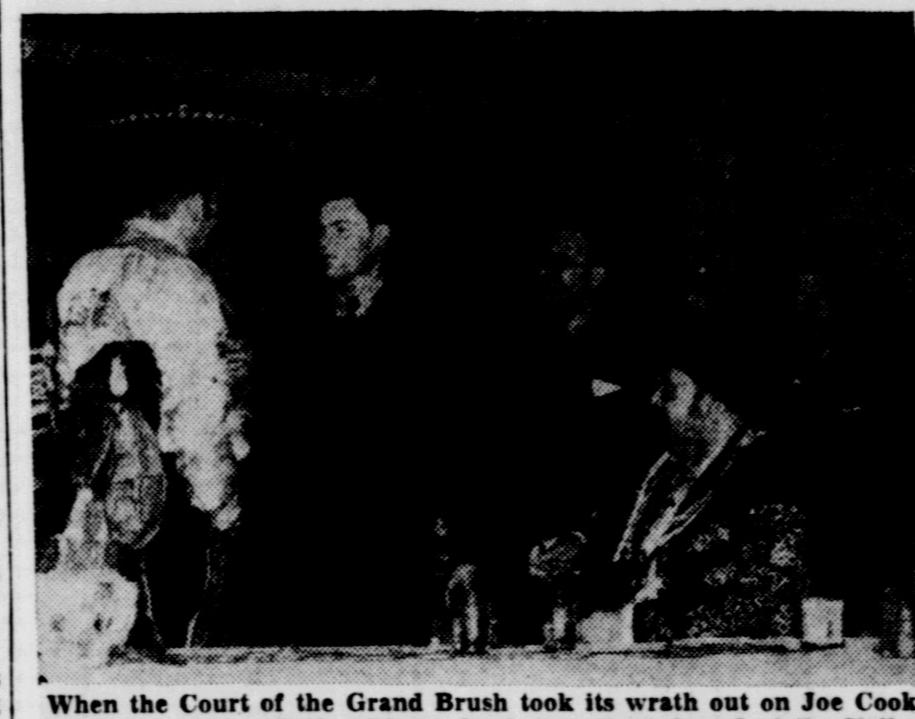
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Charros Entertain Valley Press Unit



When the Court of the Grand Brush took its wrath out on Joe Cook, publisher of the Valley Press Association banquet Friday night in Brownsville, a "preacher" came to his rescue. Left to right are: Chief Injustice Sam Perl, about to give Mr. Cook "the works"; Mr. Cook; the Rev. Robert A. Martin, Weslaco, chaplain of the association; Acting Court Clerk John Hunter and Chief Bailiff H. D. Lozano.

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BROWNSVILLE — The Charro Days fiesta here, February 1-4, inclusive, was described Friday night as "everybody's party" by Kenneth Paxton, president of Charro Days, Inc., at a Charro banquet tendered the Valley Press Association at the Central Christian church here.

Welcoming the Valley's news-

papermen to Brownsville, Mr. Paxton urged them to return this week for the fiesta, and participate to the fullest degree.

He told them of the gay costumes, parades and decorations, and above all the care free atmosphere and friendliness that prevails.

The Valley newshawks were given a "hot" reception by the Court of the Grand Brush led by Chief Injustice Sam Perl.

The court, convening in extraordinary session, fined each clean shaven male 10 cents.

Court officials cracking down on the newsmen were: Chief Injustice Perl, Associate Injustices Joe Vivier, Jr., and H. R. Jeffords, Acting Clerk John Hunter and Chief Bailiff H. D. Lozano.

Guitar and vocal music were furnished by Edward Lucie and Mike Moran. Harmonica music was played by Dan Paredes.

The session was presided over by Sherwood Bishop, Jr., son of the president of the press association, who is convalescing from an automobile accident.

The supper was served by Circle No. 2 of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Central Christian church, Miss Namie Bourne, chairman.

Building Jumps Local Construction Gains By \$7,000

HARLINGEN—Total of 36,394 persons were placed in farm or other jobs by the Harlingen office of the Texas State Employment Service during 1939, Frank Blevins, manager, said.

Of the total placements, 33,460 were on farms, and 2,934 in other positions.

Total of 5,240 applications were received or renewed during the year. Initial and continued claims were \$8,686. Blevins said the active file now contains 1,962 persons seeking work or better jobs.

In farm activity, most placements were made during July, at the cotton harvest, and most placements outside of farm labor were made in August.

Blevins said 61,355 persons called at the office during the year, and 5,074 employers made visits.

In factory, most placements were made during the cotton harvest, and most placements outside of farm labor were made in August.

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COUNTY SEEKS STATE AID ON HIDALGO ROAD

Project Stalemated,
Aldrich Reports

EDINBURG—The proposal to secure state designation and thereby state maintenance of the nine-mile county highway from McAllen to Hidalgo is stalemated, County Judge Oliver C. Aldrich said Saturday.

The plan has been presented to the state highway commission on several occasions, he said, but at no time has the board given any indication it will consider such a move. The state has already designated Highway 66 south from Edinburg to Pharr, and south of the latter city to Hidalgo, as a state route. A number of McAllen leaders have proposed the McAllen-Hidalgo road's designation as a means of providing modern traffic facilities for Mexico-bound travelers.

Necessity of building two new bridges across the Rio Grande floodways south of McAllen is one factor holding up or preventing state designation, the county judge said he believes. The county at present is spending money regularly for maintenance of the present structures and repairs on the road, he explained.

"I have heard some talk of a toll-free bridge between Hidalgo and Reynosa," said the judge, "and I believe it is a good plan. What effect that would have on the state's designation of the McAllen-Hidalgo road, however, is unknown to me."

The nine-mile route from McAllen, one of South Texas' biggest winter tourist centers, to Hidalgo is known as the "Nickel-Plated Highway to Hell," an appellation applied by Owen P. White, writer for Collier's magazine a number of years ago, in an article dealing with early-day political corruption in the county when a large number of paved roads were constructed.

Another major road need in the county, the judge observed, is a paved route leading from Hargill to the county seat. The Hargill district has no modern traffic outlet toward the center of the county, he said, and as a result Hidalgo communities are losing much of the trade which has gone to Willacy county from the Hargill region.

Children's Author Drowns In Bathtub

NEW YORK—(P)—Jeanette Ramsey, author of children's books, was found drowned Saturday in her bathtub overflowing with scalding water. Police said she apparently had fainted.

OBITUARY

F. H. DAVIS

BROWNSVILLE — The body of Frederick Henry Davis, 73, who died at 1:10 p. m. Saturday at Mercy Hospital, will be forwarded to Nebraska Sunday or Monday, by Hinkey Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis, a farmer, resided about five miles east of Brownsville on the Port road.

Among survivors is the wife Mrs. Ida M. Davis.

MRS. G. W. PERRY

BROWNSVILLE—Funeral services were held Saturday at 4:30 p. m. for Mrs. George W. Perry, 36, tourist from Milwaukee, Wis., who died Wednesday afternoon at a tourist courts here.

Services were at the Darling Funeral Home chapel with Rev. R. O. Mackintosh officiating. Interment was in Buena Vista cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and three children.

MRS. M. J. F. CASAS

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Maria del Jesus F. Casas, 61, who died Friday at her San Benito residence, will be held at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Darling Funeral Home chapel here.

Interment will be in the city cemetery under the direction of Garza Funeral Home.

Mrs. Casas was a member of the Gardenia Grove, Harlingen, the Woodmen's Circle, for many years.

Survivors are a son, Juan Casas, and a sister, Mrs. Paulita Flores, both of San Benito.

ERNST IMPROVING

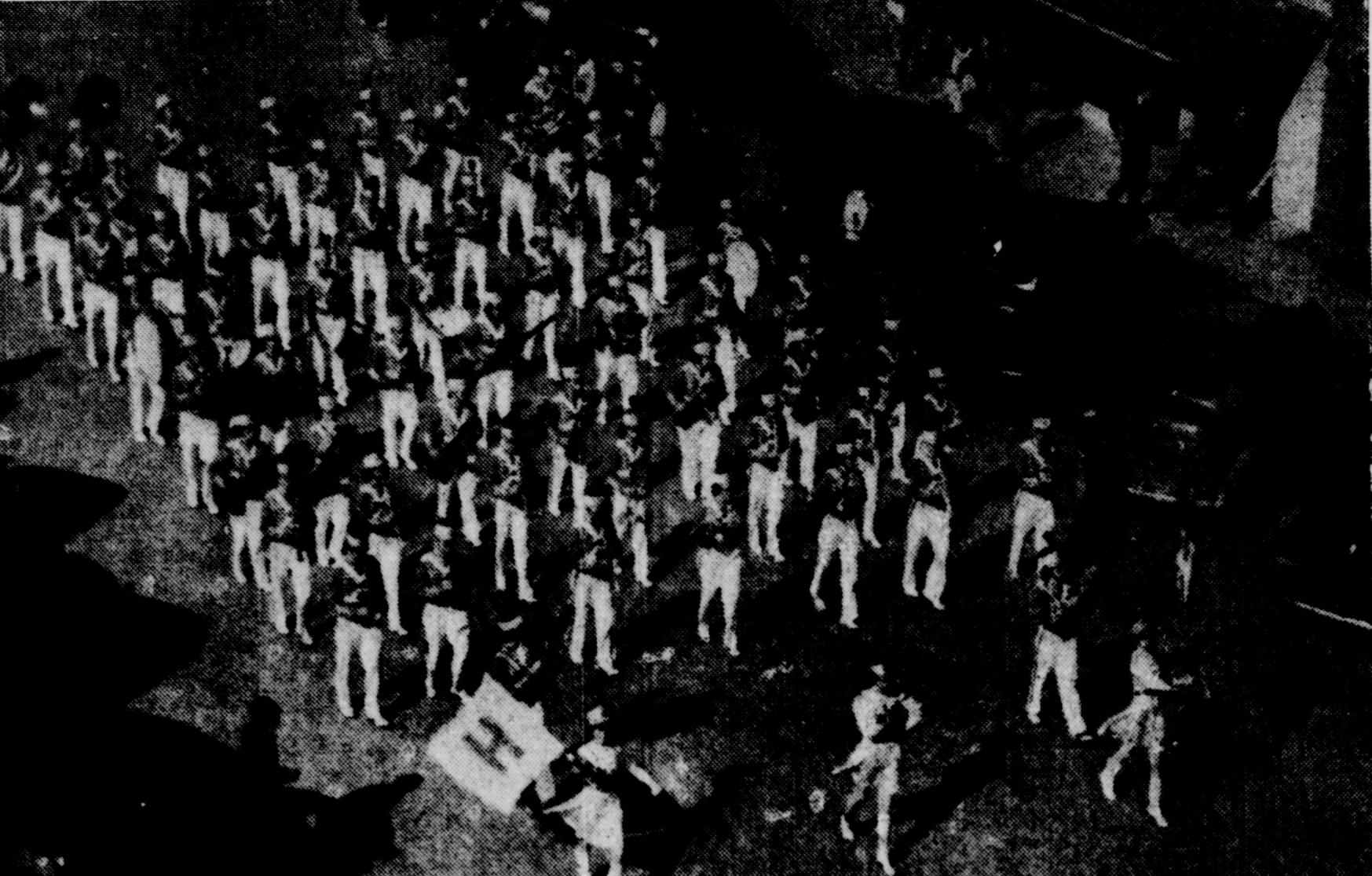
BROWNSVILLE—Robert B. Ernst, manager of the J. C. Penney store here, Saturday was reported improving at Mercy Hospital, after an operation.

OLD CHURCH MOVED, NEW ONE IS DUE



This photo of the old frame building housing the First Presbyterian Church of Harlingen for more than 15 years was made just before it was moved from East Jackson to furnish a site for the modern, new building that will be started soon. During the construction of the new church, Presbyterians will hold services in the junior high school on E. Tyler.

As Harlingen Cardinal Band Led Opening Parade



The 70-piece Harlingen Cardinal high school band led the Parade of States (above) which opened the annual Valley Mid-Winter Fair at Harlingen. The Wednesday performance was the second public appearance of the band since new white and cardinal uni-

forms arrived here recently. The band will be seen shortly in concert at municipal auditorium, and this spring will participate in South Texas music meets. (Staff Photo.)

KANSAS DAY TO DRAW 800

Mercedes Host Today To Visitors

MERCEDES — Mayor D. L. Headrick of Mercedes, will welcome approximately eight hundred Kansans who are expected to attend the Kansas Day Picnic and program Sunday, Jan. 26, to be held here in the school auditorium.

A program consisting of educational entertainment selections will be the main feature of the get-together. The program will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the auditorium. Invocation will be given by the Rev. M. M. Grove, pastor of the Mercedes First Christian church.

The North Grammar School Rhythm Band, which delighted Kansans with their renditions a year ago, will again appear on the program.

Program Listed

"Pioneer Days in Kansas," by Sara C. Alford, a pioneer Kansas citizen now living in Harlingen, will be the feature of the program. Paul Hornbeck, Merced's artist, will render several vocal selections, while J. C. Popish of Mission, will play an accordion. Mrs. Eldon B. Smith as chairman of the program committee, an open forum will be conducted by Charles M. Coleman, permanent secretary of the Kansas Association.

Registration will start at 10 a.m. in charge of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Kasey. At noon there will be a basket lunch at the high school cafeteria. The visitors will bring their own lunch baskets, but coffee will be served by the school cafeteria.

All Kansans Invited

All Kansans and ex-Kansans have been invited through the press and radio to attend this meeting.

Cooperating with the Kansas City officials are the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce, and Superintendent E. H. Poete, the school board, as well as the local mayor and city officials.

Contest Delayed

Model Plane Trials Scheduled Sunday

HARLINGEN—Garver Murray, director of the model airplane display, said Saturday night, due to high winds Saturday morning the model airplane contests had been postponed until Sunday afternoon at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair grounds.

Murray announced winners in the model displays as follows:

Newest gas model—Bill Klous, McAllen.

Flying scale model—Bill Klous, first; Scotty Bowlin, Harlingen, second; Billy Bryant, San Benito, third.

Solid scale model—Bill Klous, first and Charles Lemmons, San Benito, second.

Original design—John Malby, Harlingen, first.

The Sunday contests will be held around 3 p. m. following the midget auto races in front of the grandstand.

Fair Stock Awards

HARLINGEN—Winner in the Cattle Show—Division, Jerseys, Class 1 Aged Bull—First prize Jose Fernandez, Brownsville; Second prize, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third—J. B. Christopher, Wescaco; Fourth—Samuel C. Wescaco; Fifth—James Jones, Wescaco; Sixth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Male—Jose Fernandez, Class 5, Aged Cow—First—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna; Second—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Class 6, Females—Wesaco; First—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Second—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Female—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna.

Winners in Dairy Cattle, Guernsey Division, Jersey, Aged Bull—First, Wescaco; Second—First, Dr. E. M. A. Sizer, Wescaco; Third—Dr. E. M. A. Sizer, Wescaco; Fourth—Samuel C. Wescaco; Fifth—James Jones, Wescaco; Sixth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Male—Alfred Carlson, Class 1, Aged Cow—First—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Second—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Female—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna.

Winners in Beef Cattle, Hereford Division: Class 1, Aged Bull—First, Garcia & Dougherty, Brownsville; Second—Wescaco; Third—Samuel C. Wescaco; Male—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Male—Garcia & Dougherty, Brownsville; Class 2, Males under 1 year—First, Alfred Carlson, Harlingen; Class 3, Males under 1 year—First, F. A. Chapman, Harlingen; Class 4, Females—No competition; Class 5, Females—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Class 6, Females—C. L. Skaggs, Wescaco.

Grand Champion, Paul Davies, Class 5, Aged Cow—First, Paul Davies; Second—First, Paul Davies, Harlingen; Grand Champion, Class 1, Males under 1 year—First, J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Second—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Grand Champion Male—Alfred Carlson, Class 2, Males under 1 year—First, Alfred Carlson, Harlingen; Grand Champion Male—Alfred Carlson, Class 3, Males under 1 year—First, F. A. Chapman, Harlingen; Class 4, Females—No competition; Class 5, Females—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Class 6, Females—C. L. Skaggs, Wescaco.

Winners in Beef Cattle, Shorthorn Division: Class 1, Aged Bull—First, Garcia & Dougherty, Brownsville; Second—Wescaco; Third—Samuel C. Wescaco; Male—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Male—Garcia & Dougherty, Brownsville; Class 2, Males under 1 year—First, Alfred Carlson, Harlingen; Grand Champion Male—Alfred Carlson, Harlingen; Class 3, Males under 1 year—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Male—Alfred Carlson, Harlingen; Class 4, Females—No competition; Class 5, Females—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Class 6, Females—C. L. Skaggs, Wescaco.

Winners in Beef Cattle, Polled Hereford Division: Class 1, Aged Bull—First, Garcia & Dougherty, Brownsville; Second—Wescaco; Third—Samuel C. Wescaco; Male—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Male—Garcia & Dougherty, Brownsville; Class 2, Males under 1 year—First, Alfred Carlson, Harlingen; Grand Champion Male—Alfred Carlson, Harlingen; Class 3, Males under 1 year—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Male—Alfred Carlson, Harlingen; Class 4, Females—No competition; Class 5, Females—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Class 6, Females—C. L. Skaggs, Wescaco.

Winners in Beef Cattle, Charolais Division: Class 1, Aged Bull—First, C. C. Conley, Raymonville; Second—Turner & Thomas, Raymonville; Third—C. C. Conley, Raymonville; Fourth—Samuel C. Wescaco; Fifth—W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Female—C. C. Conley, Raymonville; Class 2, Males under 1 year—First, Turner & Thomas, Raymonville; Second—W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Female—C. C. Conley, Raymonville; Class 3, Males under 1 year—First, C. C. Conley, Raymonville; Second—Turner & Thomas, Raymonville; Third—C. C. Conley, Raymonville; Fourth—Samuel C. Wescaco; Fifth—W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Female—C. C. Conley, Raymonville; Class 4, Females—No competition; Class 5, Females—First, W. T. Hodge, Harlingen; Grand Champion Female—C. C. Conley, Raymonville; Class 6, Females—C. L. Skaggs, Wescaco.

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American Dollar Is Biggest Winner Of World War II To Date

NEW YORK IS WORLD CENTER FOR FINANCE

But It Complicates U. S. Situation

By ROGER BABSON
WASHINGTON, D. C.—First big undisputed victory of the war to date has been won by the American dollar. Our dollar has become the acknowledged top currency of the world. New York, not London, Paris, nor Amsterdam, is the financial center of the world of 1940. This does not mean that our monetary problems are all settled. In fact, as long as the "Fever of the Currencies" continues to rage, being "king" of the currencies is a debit—not an asset!

Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, head of the world's biggest bank (Chase National in New York City), has just trained the microscope of the nation's money doctors on our currency problem. He proposes that we open up the gold market which we closed in 1933. It is not new—cure—it has been brought up again and again. The suggestion, when probed and dissected in the past, has been found wanting. The currency situation, however, has been growing steadily more acute. Consequently, Mr. Aldrich's proposal is now rightfully receiving wide discussion.

What the Problem Is

The problem is this: We have 70 per cent of the world's gold! That is too much. Other nations have little gold to pay us for the goods they want to buy from us. This makes our dollar so mighty that more "timid" gold is sent to us, thus weakening other currencies still further. This automatically boosts our prices in world markets in terms of foreign currencies and hence cuts down our exports, increases our unemployment. Under normal conditions, the situation would correct itself, but the dollar occupies its exalted position not because of U. S. economic strength but because of world economic weakness. While there is complete disagreement as to how to solve this riddle, there is unanimous agreement on the existence of this gold danger.

Readers will remember that we cut the gold content of the dollar by 40 per cent in 1933. We thereby hiked the price of gold from \$20 to \$35 per ounce. We forbade any citizen to own or transfer gold. We bought gold from all comers. This started the most gigantic mass movement of the precious metal in the world's history. Since 1934 \$10,000,000,000 worth of bullion has been sucked into the U. S. Like fabled King Midas, we were happy to have it come; but, like King Midas, we now want to get rid of it! Every day more millions stream here from other nations anxious to get dollars to spend on war supplies, from busy miners, from individuals who want American dollars rather than hoarded gold. And this has been going on for years.

A Pan-American Dollar?

When the war came last September, America was holding \$17,000,000,000 of the world's \$26,000,000,000 gold supply. The British decided the odds were too big, abandoned the pound sterling, sounded its death knell as the world's greatest currency! Immediately the countries which had formerly based their currencies on the pound shifted to the dollar. Sweden's krona, Canada's dollar, and Argentina's peso have all tied up with the dollar. So has the Japanese yen. Moreover, a new Pan-American dollar

NEW LIONS JACKETS



Pictured above is Orvis Seal, wearing one of the special jackets which Lions Club members wore Wednesday when they staged their annual Tag Day drive to secure added funds with which to conduct their Sight Conservation project. The clubmen raised more than \$200 for this purpose during their one-day campaign. (Staff Photo.)

BEFORE — Joins, Travels, Fights, Retires a Hero—AFTER

Army Vet Gets Medal For Saving Life

Thirty-one years ago staff Sergeant Harold C. Marshall (left) looked like this when he first saw service with the coast artillery at Fort Flagler, Wash. Since then he has viewed a lot of the world, served in the World War, and was awarded a U. S. congressional medal for saving life instead of taking it.

Staff Sergeant Harold C. Marshall of the Quartermaster Corps, Fort Brown (right) who is to be retired January 31 with the rank of captain, after 31 years in the army, is shown above in a happy mood. And who wouldn't? The dog on his lap is the family pet, "Poochie." The veteran soldier is to visit Sacramento, Cal., this summer, but will make his home in Brownsville.

Doctors To Hold Luncheon Monday

McALLEN — Doctors and their wives who are visiting in McAllen for the winter will be entertained at noon Monday when a Dutch treat luncheon is held at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

Dr. G. Van Amber Brown, president of the Hidalgo County Medical Association, and Mrs. Brown, will meet with the physicians and assist in the entertainment.

may well emerge as the official currency of the entire Western Hemisphere. It's difficult to overemphasize the importance of this in terms of our trade relations with Latin America.

In the meantime, the "supremacy of the dollar" is a hindrance, not a help to us. We do not want the highest-priced currency in the world. We do not want the price of our goods to be too high in competitive markets. We do not need a surplus products of one nation with another. Furthermore, if all other nations should suddenly decide to monetize some other metal—copper, tin, mercury, platinum, or radium—we may again take our historic place as the world's number one bagman. Then our gold's only value would be for commercial purposes—and \$17,000,000,000 worth of bullion would add a lot of picture frames, would fill a lot of teeth.

Suckers Again?

We may find that just as in the twenties we exchanged our hard-earned cash for Europe's worthless I. O. U.'s, so now we may be exchanging our airplanes, shoes, and cotton for Europe's useless gold. Some day, after peace comes in Europe, this gold could be used both to slash our debts and to serve as the basis of some new international currency. But it is now too early to discuss what is to be done "after the war." I can say, however, that we must get out of our present smug and selfish attitude. In the long run, America can prosper only as the world prospers. This is both good religion and good economics!

Growth of Golden Hoard

1900	\$ 1,034,584,000
1905	1,357,656,000
1910	1,636,043,000
1915	1,933,539,000
1920	2,863,432,000
1925	4,360,382,000
1930	4,334,966,000
1935	9,115,643,000
1936	10,608,417,000
1937	12,318,271,000
1938	13,133,468,000
1939	17,700,000,000

Canners Open Full Fruit Process Runs

McALLEN — Local and Valley canning plants this week were maintaining full-time operating schedules in an effort to process as much as possible of the season's pack before warm weather shows definitely the amount of freeze damage to citrus.

Four plants here and one at Harlingen, among others scattered over the Valley, began the 24-hour runs Saturday or Monday. A few plants had closed to await outcome of freeze damage estimates.

Canners' estimates of damage ranged from 20 per cent decrease in Valley output to a complete end to the canning season with the advent of warm weather.

Townsendites See Film On Narcotics

BROWNSVILLE — Narcotics and its effects will be shown in a motion picture Monday at 7:30 p. m. before the El Jardin Townsend Club No. 1 at El Jardin school near here.

There will be a business meeting of the Townsendites prior to the showing of the film.

The El Jardin Townsend Club No. 1 will hold a picnic at Ebony Grove community house, Sunday noon, February 4. S. W. Brightbill, publicity chairman, announced.

Iturbi Recital Set Monday At Edinburg

EDINBURG — Jose Iturbi, well-known pianist to Valley music lovers, will be presented in concert at Edinburg Junior College auditorium Monday at 8 p. m. under auspices of Cultural Arts, Inc.

The Spanish prodigy came to America first in 1929, when he made his debut with the Philadelphia orchestra. Five years later he made his second debut as a director, and Iturbi today occupies a place of singular pre-eminence in both fields.



VALLEY FRUIT IS UP 31 CENTS

Grapefruit Auction Sales Reported

WESLACO — Valley grapefruit realized an average of 31 cents a box more the past week than during the preceding week, according to a summary of grapefruit auction sales in ten markets reported by the Texas Federal Market News Service here.

Although the general rise in Valley grapefruit prices on the auctions did not begin until Tuesday and Wednesday, the average for the entire week was 31 cents a box higher than the preceding week.

Average Is \$2.14

The Valley average on all sales for the week ending Friday was \$2.14 per box as compared to an average of \$1.84 for the previous week. Shippers cashed in on fruit bought on a low market from the producers.

The Valley average also was 24 cents a box better than the Florida average which was \$1.90 per box as compared to the Valley's \$2.14. The Florida price was 17 cents improved over the previous week's average which was only \$1.77.

The best average for Valley fruit was \$2.30 in New York City for 7,630 boxes including pinks. Averages for other points were as follows: St. Louis, 3,370 boxes, \$1.67; Chicago, 11,151 boxes, \$2.08; Detroit, 2,819 boxes, \$2.24; Cleveland, 5,655 boxes, \$2.25; Cincinnati, 5,343 boxes, \$2.11; Pittsburgh, 2,230 boxes, \$2.15; Baltimore, no auction sales of Texas fruit; Philadelphia, 2,158 boxes, \$2.14; Boston, no auction sales of Texas fruit. There was not a market in which the average for Texas fruit did not improve. The Texas prices include pinks but on the other hand the Florida prices include Indian river, that state's premium fruit.

Friday auction sales unreported Friday included 1,633 boxes of Texas Marsh at Cleveland for an average of \$2.40 with 452 boxes of pinks averaging \$2.91. At New York 1,190 boxes of Texas pinks averaged \$2.44, 2,605 boxes of Florida Marsh averaged \$2.60 in standard boxes and 610 wirebound boxes of Marsh averaged \$1.47.

Loadings Up Again

Valley loadings increased again to 78 cars Friday while Florida loadings dropped from 81 on Thursday to 28 on Friday.

Track holdings in 16 important receiving markets were the lowest in many weeks, being down to 118 cars Saturday. The week's high was 194 Monday as a result of the usual week-end accumulation and of the fact that several auctions were closed last week because of the cold.

CHARRO DAYS FIESTA

Congratulations

Students Provide School Dark Room

McALLEN — Members of the Photography Club of McAllen high school will soon have a dark room in which to develop their pictures under the supervision of Erwin Jacks, general science instructor.

Jacks said the room is being constructed at a cost of about \$7. General science and chemistry students will use the dark room.

ARCHITECA DIES
OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP) — J. C. Parr, former Texan and prominent architect of Oklahoma City, died Friday.

Glorious — Marvelous

Plan Now to Attend the Charro Dances In the Tropical Patio of El Jardin Hotel

BUCCANEER BALL

Monday, January 29, 9 'Til ?

GRAND FIESTA BALL

Thursday, February 1, 10 'Til ?

INTERNATIONAL RODEO BALL

Friday, February 2, 9 'Til ?

CHARRO REGATTA BALL

Saturday, February 3, 9 'Til ?

Music for all four dances by

RAN WILDE

And His 13-Piece Orchestra

Frances Pozzi, harpist and blues singer.

CHARRO REGATTA

Turning Basin, Sunday, 1 P. M.

THRILLS! — SPILLS!

Nation's foremost drivers in competition . . . Fastest boats on world's speediest . . . Bulldoggers . . . Cowgirls galore and

RURAL SCHOOL IMPORT GROWS

A. N. Martin Active In Organization

MISSION — Educators this week said the plan to organize rural school heads was gaining momentum over the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas.

A. B. Martin, superintendent of the Tabasco Consolidated School west of Mission, was one of those active in organizing educators into the Rural School Administrators section of the Texas State Teachers Association, effected at the November convention of the association in San Antonio. The move marked the first attempt to bring rural administrators of the state together as a unit.

In accordance with the proposal of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel to sponsor re-organization of the state education system on recommendation of a committee of 175 educators, the rural administrators division recently asked O'Daniel to include representatives of this unit in the major committee so that their needs would be met through the new program.

As one of three members on a special committee appointed to contact O'Daniel, Martin was present at the presentation of the unit's brief to the governor. Martin returned here early last week from Austin with a report of the committee action. He is chairman of the southern district of the new organization, already one of the strongest in the state teachers association.

Navy Mothers Will Meet At Mercedes

MERCEDES — The Navy Mothers Club will meet Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Mercedes City Hall.

Speaker for the afternoon's program will be ex-Navy Reserve Officer W. C. Carlisle of Mission. Subject of his address will be "How Our Navy Feeds Its Men."

Fingerprinting Is Halted By Weather

SIOUX FALLS — (AP) — Sioux Falls Police couldn't function at 10 below zero Thursday. A headquarters report on a burglary investigation read: "Place too cold to obtain fingerprints. This will be done at a later date."

We also serve drinks that appeal to the fastidious and are kind to the palate.

JOE'S PLACE

"Where Friends Meet Friends"

RIO RICO MEXICO

with your choice of any two meats and all the trimmings.

We also serve drinks that appeal to the fastidious and are kind to the palate.

Exotic — Scintillating

Street Parades GRAND FIESTA PARADE

Friday, February 2, 10 A. M.

See the exquisitely decorated floats portraying the folk songs of Old Mexico. Beautifully costumed singing girls.

A host of gayly uniformed bands playing stirring marches . . . Hundreds of mounted Charros and Chinas . . . Months of effort to bring you a spectacle you'll always remember.

KIDS' PARADE

Saturday, February 3, 1:30 P. M.

5,000 marching children form a gigantic procession that will thrill your senses and gladden your hearts.

ILLUMINATED PARADE

Saturday, February 3, 7:30 P. M.

Unusual lighting effects . . . Spectacular floats . . . Bands

38,000 Revelers in Gala Costumes of Old Mexico at Brownsville

Thursday—Friday—Saturday—Sunday

PARADES • DANCES • BITS OF OLD MEXICO

BALL PLAYERS ON UNEMPLOYED ROLLS



by E.C. 'Doc' Osborn.

Even Major Leaguer Is Getting Pay

Missouri Commish Gives Okeh

Playing Ball
If a youngster came up to you and said he wanted to play ball what would you think he meant?

Just in case you think you know, do you realize that he could mean any one of the forty games that involve a ball of some description? Well, he could. We discovered this after reading an article by Joseph B. Pearson in the American Legion Magazine.

We won't name all these games but will leave it up to you to see how many you can think of.

Real Cage Card

If you are interested in a double-header basketball program, you should be in the high school gym at San Benito Monday night.

The La Feria girls will play the Los Fresnos girls at 7:30 p.m. and the La Feria boys go against the San Benito boys at 8:30 p.m.

And you may as well be prepared to see some real basketball when the girls take the floor. Nothing sissy about the game sextette play.

Sportsmanship Code

Keep the rules.
Keep faith with your comrade.
Keep your temper.
Keep yourself fit.

Keep a stout heart in defeat.
Keep your pride under in victory.
Keep a sound soul, a clear mind and a healthy body.

A Derby Story

Isaac Murphy, the great negro jockey of the 1880's and 1890's, was forced to ride Buchanan, victor in the Kentucky Derby of 1884. It was that triumph which makes it possible to couple Murphy's name with that of Earl Sande as rider of the most Derby winners—three.

Murphy had piloted Buchanan at Nashville prior to the running of the Derby, and, after that experience, vowed he would never accept the mount again. The chestnut colt was one of the worst post actors of all time, and even during the running of a race there was no anticipating what he would do.

Murphy, at Nashville, had to stand for Buchanan's rodeo tactics at the barrier, and when the race was on, Buchanan decided to go on bolting excursions, which carried him zig-zagging along the track.

"That's the last time I ride him," Murphy told Cottrell & Guest, owners of Buchanan.

"You're going to ride him in the Kentucky Derby," he was informed.

"I won't ride him," insisted Murphy.

When argument could not get Murphy to change attitude, a complaint was filed with the Louisville Jockey Club, which then operated Churchill Downs. Murphy immediately was informed that if he didn't ride Buchanan in the Derby he would not be permitted any other mount in the race.

This was followed by intimation that if he did not fulfill his contract to ride Buchanan he might draw a long suspension. All this continued to worry Murphy, and a day or so before the race he capitulated.

Buchanan went through his rearing and plunging routine at the post, broke in a tangle, but ran true, and Murphy brought him home a winner by two lengths. That Derby victory, together with those on Riley (1890) and Kingman (1891) gave Murphy his total of three, Sande having Zev (1923), Flying Ebony (1925) and Gallant Fox (1930).

Dallas Acquires Longview Club

LONGVIEW, Tex.—(P)—President George Schepps of the Dallas Rebels announced Saturday that his Texas League club would operate the Longview East Texas League franchise this year as an outright owner.

Schepps' announcement followed a pledge by a Longview group to raise \$2,500 by April 1 to pay off the club's indebtedness.

"This will give us the franchise free of debt," Schepps said, "and will enable us to start from scratch in building a ball club for Longview."

Schepps conferred with Arthur Hale, business manager of the club last year under the sponsorship of the Chicago White Sox.

With the franchise will go four players who were under White Sox contracts last year. They were Bob Moseley, first baseman with Lubbock in the West Texas-New Mexico League, Henry Becker, Longview outfielder, and pitchers Pat Beasley and Harold Mitchell.

Schepps said Tex Jones, former Dallas star who dropped out of baseball five years ago after piloting the Longview club, will return as manager.

East Texas League Clubs Meet Today

JACKSONVILLE, Tex.—(P)—Moguls of the a&t Texas League gather here Sunday for their annual meeting.

Chief items of business to be transacted include election of officers, adoption of the official baseball, drafting of a schedule and decision on the status of the several clubs.

League President C. P. Moseley said Jacksonville's status still was doubtful. Lufkin has been mentioned as likely to get the franchise should Jacksonville go out of the league.

Even Major Leaguer Is Getting Pay

Missouri Commish Gives Okeh

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Big Regatta Carded Next Sunday



The scene above is typical of nearly three hours of identical action next Sunday at the Port of Brownsville turning basin during the International Outboard Regatta, the highlight of the fourth day of the 1940 Charro Days. Picturing a Class A aquatic speed event on

Inks Dam Lake in Austin the photo shows, left to right, Gar Wood, Jr., Algonac, Mich.; Lawrence Salmon, Wichita, Kans.; Frank Vincent, Tulsa; and Eddie Willard, Fort Worth; all of whom are due to compete in the regatta Sunday afternoon.

Against Claims

The disclosure brought an immediate reaction from club management, members of the commission and of the state legislature.

State Senators Allen McReynolds and George A. Rozier, co-authors of the job insurance law, declared:

"We do not hesitate to say that under this law it was never contemplated that men who were drawing handsome salaries on a yearly basis could receive any benefits."

"I think it is a downright shame that fellows who average \$2,000 a year should get additional compensation in such a method," said Roy Hamay, secretary of the Blues. "Not only is it shameful, I think it is illegal."

"I tried my best to stop them," echoed the Blues' general manager, William O. Dewitt. "One of them is receiving a salary from us of between \$8,000 and \$9,000."

Commission Chairman Andrew J. Murphy, Sr., summed up the situation:

"It doesn't seem right to me . . . but under the law there's nothing we can do but give it to them if they qualify."

Murphy said regulations made it impossible for him to disclose the names of recipients.

Players Named

However, the Blues' management said these six players had applied for the cash:

Al Piechota, a pitcher sold to the Boston Red Sox; Clyde McCullough, a catcher now with the Chicago Cubs; William Matheson, an outfielder recalled by the New York Yankees, and pitchers John Lindell and Fred Gay, and outfielder Buzz Boley, still with the Kansas City club.

In St. Louis, the Post-Dispatch said that Ed Cole and Johnny Berardino of the Browns were collecting the compensation insurance.

Cole, a pitcher, resides at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Berardino, an outfielder, at Los Angeles.

The newspaper also said it had learned Joe Glenn, Browns' catcher, had applied in New York for unemployment benefits.

Ed Staples, secretary of the St. Louis Cardinals, said none of the team's players, as far as he knew, had applied for the Missouri benefits.

LOS ANGELES—(P)—Johnny Berardino, infielder for the St. Louis Browns named in St. Louis as collecting unemployment compensation insurance, declared Saturday he had "voluntarily stopped" the practice several months ago.

"When I applied," he said, "I thought it might help me get through college. But I came back here too late to enroll. When I learned that the public might resent such things, I told them to stop my payments."

Berardino ranks as a junior at the University of Southern California.

COLLEGE STATION—(P)—President Herbert Benson of the Sugar Bowl Association Saturday presented to the Texas Aggies the trophy they won by defeating Tulane at New Orleans New Year's Day.

Registrar E. J. Howell, member of the A. and M. athletic council, received the trophy in the absence of Dean E. J. Kyle, council chairman. The ceremony was held at Guion Hall. Fourteen members of the Sugar Bowl Association came here from New Orleans for the ceremony.

Benson said in his address of presentation that he believed post-season football games were of great benefit to New Orleans and the participating schools.

"These games bring together and form lasting friendships among people of different sections of the nation," he said.

Cadet Col. Durward Varner expressed appreciation of the student body to the city of New Orleans, the Sugar Bowl Association and to Tulane for the reception given the Aggies.

Each of the New Orleans visitors was taken on a tour of Aggieland by a senior student.

The Aggie band participated in the ceremony by playing the "Aggie War Hymn." Students and Aggie fans joined in school yell.

Letters were awarded members of the undefeated, top ranking team of 1939 at a banquet Saturday night.

A game department survey reveals that but 300 horned mountain sheep remain in Texas.

Three Stars Leading In Crosby Open

Many Players Back Just A Stroke

DELMAR, Calif.—(P)—National Amateur champion Marvin (Bud) Ward and two professionals, Harold McSpadden and Ed Oliver, set the pace with sub-par 68's in Saturday's round of the annual \$3,000 Bing Crosby's Open golf tournament at the Rancho Santa Fe Country Club.

Ward, after announcing that this would be his last appearance in open competition, proceeded to knock four strokes off par and put in a strong bid for the championship in the final 18 holes Sunday. The Spokane, Wash., titleholder had little success until Saturday, in the winter tournaments in California.

One stroke back of the three leaders were 10 players as part of a driving.

Oddly enough, there is no trophy for a winning amateur in the medal play, but host Crosby, himself a native of Spokane, said one would be obtained if Ward should win. Chief amateur competition was on a best-ball basis, with the amateurs teaming with pros.

Walter Hagan and screen star Richard Arlen, trailed by a large gallery, posted a best ball of 70, as did Ty Cobb, baseball's hero, and Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y. Low best-ball honors went to Willie Goggins, San Francisco pro, and Marshall Duffield of Hollywood.

Another amateur, Pat Abbott of Pasadena, former national public links champion, turned in an individual 69 and best-ball score of 64 with Ky Lafoon.

Jimmie Demaret of Houston carded an individual 71 and a best-ball score of 65 with Johnny (Tarzan) Weissmuller. Weissmuller had a little difficulty on the back nine and Demaret carried the load in.

The inhabitants of the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal are mostly dwarfs.

The cotton cloth, calico, was brought into England in 1681.

Slaughter Tops Race Card; Second Program Set Today

HARLINGEN—Al Slaughter of San Antonio warmed up a couple of midge racers on Fair Park Speedway Saturday afternoon and walked away with three firsts, one second and two thirds out of eight entries to lead the field. Bo Scott, Harlingen, came in second with four seconds and one third. Cecil Zent of Fort Wayne, Ind., was a close third with two firsts and one second.

A few spots of mud and soft places in the track made every race a thriller for the crowd and several narrow escapes brought a screaming throng to its feet in the grandstand.

Jack Crawford of San Antonio turned in two seconds and one first for fourth place.

Big thrill of the afternoon came when Dick Ward of San Antonio went into a spin on the north turn and suddenly found himself in the center of a roaring bunch of racing midgets. All managed to get by without a collision however.

Results of Friday's card were:

Outdoor Program Scheduled Today

BROWNSVILLE—Winter tourists in the Rio Grande Valley will be honored guests at an outdoor program to be held at the Brownsville turning basin Sunday and under the direction of Hurt Battell, local sportsman.

The program will get under way at 2 p.m. and last until 5 p.m. Among the events scheduled are: exhibitions and instructions in bait, fly and surf casting, clay target shooting, bow and arrow shooting and model airplane construction and flying.

As the feature event, a contest between an angler and swimmer will be held, the swimmer to play the part of a big Valley fish.

Everyone is invited to attend this outdoor program.

The cotton cloth, calico, was brought into England in 1681.

Top Flighters Carded Today At Reynosa

Bullfight Creating Unusual Interest

REYNOSA—The stage is set for the big bull fight in the local bullring Sunday afternoon.

Two daring matadors, Manuel Gutierrez "El Espartero" and Carlos Vera, "Canitas," will fight to the death four fine bulls from the well known "Santo Domingo" hacienda fighting stock in San Luis Potosi.

Announcement of today's bull fight was welcomed by hundreds of Valley bull fight fans Saturday.

"Espartero" as one of the matadors is known in Mexico City rings, has turned in a series of brilliant performances in the southern republic. He has performed to the satisfaction of huge crowds that have thronged the Mexico City rings to see him display his skill.

"Canitas" the other matador, is a newcomer to Mexico's bull rings, but so far has displayed unusual skill with the cape and sword, and is rated "tops" among the up and coming generation of bull fighters in Mexico.

Tickets to the "corrida" sold fast, in spite of the inclement weather, and with "fair and warmer" weather forecast for Sunday, bull fight fans will have an opportunity to enjoy their favorite spectacle.

The bull fight starts at 4 o'clock Sunday.

Fast Field Assured At River Oaks

Western Open Draws Ryder Cup Team

HOUSTON—(P)—The personnel of the Ryder Cup team—professional golf's All-America—will compete in the Western Open over the River Oaks course here next month.

The announcement, made to the local committee Saturday by L. L. Cooke, president of the Western Golf Association, insured one of the fastest fields in the history of the big tournament.

The Ryder Cup team is comprised of Byrn Nelson, National Open titleholder and current Western king; Dick Metz, Horton Smith, John Revolta, Vic Ghezzi, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmie Davis, Harold McSpaden, Henry Picard, Paul Runyan and Sam Snead.

Walter Hagen is non-playing captain, but it was not learned whether the Old Maestro will appear.

Besides the top-ranking professional Gene Sarazen and others of the old guard will be here, along with a couple of neophytes who used to burn up the tennis courts—Ellsworth Vines and Wilmer Allison.

Plants went forward Saturday for a dinner in honor of Jimmy Demaret, young Houston professional who has won two of the winter tour's tournaments, on February 14, two evenings before the three-day tourney opens. The town is excited over Demaret's doings and wants to give him full honors.

Saturday's complete official entry list include:

Wood, Jr., Vincent, Boggsman, Frazier, Henry Wilson, Jr., Brownsworth, Shorty Green and Ralph W. Campbell, Austin; Adolph Scheib, Henry Tauber, and Clarence Son, San Antonio; Sam Gill, Jr., Blanco; Bill Crist, and Herman Mayhew, Dallas; Don L. Allred, Amarillo; Paul B. Sawyer, Jr., Austin and New York; and Bob Milam, Smackover, Ark. Others are expected.

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SAN BENITO—Monday night in the San Benito high school gymnasium, a double-header basketball program is scheduled and one that is certain to give cage fans more than their share of action.

At 7:30 the La Feria girls team will meet the Los Fresnos sextete in a non-conference affair and at 8:30 the La Feria Lions will go against the San Benito Greyhounds in a Grapefruit League game.

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Gossamer embroidery on fabric as fragile as a butterfly's wings makes the flounces and bodice of this lovely costume from Yucatan which Mrs. Walter W. Housewright of San Benito, pictured above, will wear for special occasions during Charro Days starting Thursday in Brownsville. Inset above the sheer white embroidered flounces are bands of delicate embroidery in shades of red, all handmade and closely resembling petit point. The costume, which is known as the "mestiza" and is the traditional attire of native women of the Yucatan peninsula, was purchased by Mrs. Housewright last summer in Merida, capital of Yucatan.

(Photo by Holbrook)

Four Honor Visiting Pair At Supper

BROWNSVILLE — Dr. and Mrs. James L. Renfro, and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Maxwell, Jr., entertained very delightfully at Landrum's complimenting two visitors.

They entertained for Miss Sally Russell, and James A. Russell, Jr., who are visiting here from San Paulo with their parents.

Guests included friends of the honored pair. The affair was one of the highlights in a series of delightful affairs given for the two, both former residents, who are favorites in society here.

Mrs. H. H. Slack Hostess at Bridge In Rio Grande City

RIO GRANDE CITY — Mrs. H. H. Slack was hostess to the meeting of the Wednesday Bridge club Wednesday afternoon at her home. Out of club guests present were Mrs. J. H. Randal and Mrs. V. O. Robinet. Members playing were Mesdames B. C. Arthur, W. W. Zimmerman, H. M. Wood, E. E. Daugherty and Paul A. Shelton. And winners of high scores were Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Randal.

Mrs. Jack Ehlers Entertains Club With Bridge Event

SAN BENITO — Mrs. Jack Ehlers entertained the Silk Stocking club at her home Thursday afternoon. A salad course was served preceding the games of bridge. At the close of play Mrs. Mary Anderson Fehner held high.

Mrs. D. D. Ferguson was a guest. Members playing were Mesdames Fred Thomas, Mary Anderson Fehner, P. J. DeGurin, Flint Harter, Ben Shoemaker, Al Lamm and Ted Hudson.

Visitor Departs

MISSION — Mrs. J. Howard Kelly of Waxahachie left Wednesday to return home after a visit of two weeks with her brother, Rev. Allen G. Rowe, and Mrs. Rowe.



Mrs. Ellis Perry of Brownsville, shown above in the Michoacan costume she will wear during Charro Days, gazes speculatively at the globe Atlas on the small table beside her wondering perhaps if there is any fiesta as colorful and gay as the three-year-old Charro Days in

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Section 2

Tea Announcing Engagement Of Maureen East Saturday Claims Widespread Attention

SAN BENITO — Mrs. R. J. East announced the coming marriage of her daughter, Maureen, to Russell J. Pennington of Hutchinson, Kansas, at a large tea Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Koontz with Mrs. Koontz as joint hostess. Colors red and white, expressive of the valentine season, were appropriately featured in decoration for the affair, outstanding for the winter for San Benito

societies. The bride-to-be is the eldest daughter of a prominent pioneer family and Mr. Pennington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pennington of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Gladiolas in red and white were arranged about the living room to make a very pretty floral setting.

The honoree was lovely in a taffeta frock in a rich red shade worn with a corsage of white spring blossoms. The dress, made

along semi-princess lines with double skirt sweeping into crisp fullness at the hem, had a row of tiny self-covered buttons extending along the entire front. From the neckline to the wasp waistline, the buttons held the bodice snugly and from waist to the hem they were left unfastened to reveal a petticoat of the same material. Mrs. East wore a handsome gown (Continued on Page Two)

Gayety and Color of Charro Days to Be Seen in Round Of Entertainment Set for Week

Six Dances Listed Among Coming Events; Visitors to Be Honored

BROWNSVILLE — The gayety of Mexican music and the brilliance of colors of Charro costumes will set the keynote for a round of entertainment, large and small, which will be featured in the next few days here.

Aside from the regular scheduled events of Charro Days, a number of clubs and individuals will entertain with functions on the Charro theme, and the influx of visitors will be too the raison d'être for a number of hostilities. Some of the Charro guests arrived at the weekend, and the arrival of others is being awaited later in the week.

The Buccaneer Ball will be among the first of the Charro Days events, starting off the festivities Monday evening at El Jardin hotel.

Tuesday evening, the Brownsville Study club will hold its annual Charro entertainment. This will be a Mexican supper slated for 7 p.m. at the Sam L. Lockwood home. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Lockwood will be Mrs. L. C. Fife, and Mrs. J. A. Walker. The members, and their husbands, who will be special guests will attend in costume.

Tuesday evening too, the Skinner Memorial class is serving supper at the First Presbyterian church. Both Mexican and American food will be served by the members who will be costumed. Those attending are invited to wear costumes if they so desire. There will be Mexican music throughout the serving hours of 6 and 8 o'clock, and an added attraction will be a session of the Grand Court of the Brush. Programs will go to the church.

Wednesday will be featured with several events on the fiesta theme.

In the morning between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, Mrs. Arthur C. Hipp and Mrs. Harvey E. Nuckles will entertain with an "almuerzo" at the Hipp residence on Elizabeth street. This will compliment Mrs. Pearl Nuckles, who arrives January 29 from Gainesville where she has been residing for the past year or so. Mrs. Nuckles will be here for three weeks.

The Wednesday evening function will be the third annual pre-Charro ball of the Triple L club at the Brownsville Country Club. Two hundred invitations have been issued by the club members to guests in Brownsville, Matamoros and other parts of the Valley. Guests in costume, will dance to marimba music in a setting representing a typical Spanish patio. Miss Olivia Pacheco, president, has announced that there will be a floor show at 11:30 o'clock. Six or seven typical numbers will be presented.

The Charro Days style show will be presented Wednesday evening at the Capitol theatre.

On Wednesday also, there will be the junior Grand Ball for high school and junior college students only, at the junior college.

Thursday will see the Grand Charro Ball at El Jardin hotel beginning at 8 p.m.

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Mrs. Abbott Is Honoree For Coffee

HARLINGEN — To compliment Mrs. Dan Abbott, Mrs. J. H. Powell and Mrs. Jimmy Golaz entertained delightfully Thursday morning with a coffee at the home of Mrs. Golaz. The interesting hospitality was a complete surprise to Mrs. Abbott who is to leave soon with Mr. Abbott and their little son to make their home in San Antonio.

Representation was given the traditional theme in red and white blossoms chosen for decoration and in appropriate details. Red and white gladioli made the large heart centerpiece for the table which was laid with lace. Mrs. Powell poured from the silver coffee service. Coffees made in heart shape and other dainties emphasized the seasonal theme.

Personnel for the attractive courtesy included the honoree and Mesdames Norman Clark, J. E. Cronenwett, Curtis Eaves, Parker Knapp, P. G. Maher, A. K. McKeithan, B. S. Mothershead, W. B. Pitts, A. D. Purdy, D. C. Rougeau, J. L. Swann, John G. Thomas, W. O. Weller. Mesdames A. J. Wittenbach, J. D. Carr, Weldon Miller, T. R. Lovelace, Collis Thompson, Lawson Anglin, L. B. Sherman, R. L. Wood, and Robert R. Brown.

Student to Return

BROWNSVILLE — Among the students returning home for Charro Days will be San Francisco Seago, student at the University of Texas, who will arrive from Austin in time to attend the Grand Ball February 1. She will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Seago.

Visits Suttons

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Sutton have as their guest Mrs. Virginia Keele of Springfield Illinois. Mrs. Keele, who will spend several weeks here, arrived Friday morning. She is Mr. Sutton's sister.



From old Spain comes this lovely Spanish costume chosen by Mrs. Elmer G. Johnson, 1110 E. Polk, Harlingen, presented in the picture above, for fiesta wear next week when the Valley dons colorful attire for the third annual Charro Days to be celebrated in Brownsville. The exquisite mantilla, an heirloom and entirely handmade, was brought from Spain to old Matamoros many years ago. Color relief is given the all black costume by a red velvet rose worn just above the forehead, by red bracelets, and by rich red colors woven into the beautiful tapestry of the fan.

Mrs. Ketcham Home

SANTA ROSA — Mrs. Harry Ketcham has recently returned from Austin where she attended the state

board meeting of the Texas Congress of Parent and Teachers. Mrs. Ketcham also attended the educational forum held in Austin on the same date. Since her return from

This 'N' That

By Minnie Gilbert

HOME demonstration club members this month are answering roll call with a definition of what constitutes a good citizen.

The fact that there are only three days of January left, leads us to assert that whatever else a good citizen may do or be, he or she is the holder of a poll tax receipt.

It isn't just that every political subdivision, as well as state and nation will hold elections this year, but there is every possibility of referendums and amendments that might affect tremendously the welfare of citizens of all ranks.

Not to have qualified for casting a vote in selection of representatives who make and administer our laws and spend our tax money, seems to us to void the right of attacking and criticizing those elected to office without our help or opposition.

Whether or not payment should be required for a poll tax receipt is another question and one's personal opinions should be expressed in some more effective fashion than passive refusal to pay the \$1.75 required by law.

ONE of the most interesting features of the slackening interest in poll tax payments is the fact that women are showing less disposition than ever to qualify as voters.

Not one in a hundred, but would oppose stoutly anything like Hitler's "back to the kitchen" edict; but by their disinterest, coupled with growing opposition to women engaging in activity outside their homes, they are taking very definite steps in that direction.

It is not improbable that women who heard as small children tales of how the fight for women's rights was started by such courageous women as Lucy Stone and Susan B. Anthony may tell their great-grandchildren of the era when women were free to take part in business and professions on almost equal footing with men, and voted with them at the polls.

ONCE in a hundred years or something like that is what folks who have done a little research are saying about Easter this year.

By the way, Lent begins in exactly ten days.

Only three Easters have occurred on an earlier date since 1818, and no others so early are calendarized up to 2000 A.D. March 23 is the earliest date on which Easter can fall and Easter in 1818 was on this date.

March 23 was the date for Easter in 1845, 1856, and 1913.

NO other Easter on March 24 is shown in a calendar covering the period from 1800 to 2000 A.D.

Which has caused interested persons to repeat a prediction made by a very saintly Irishman about 2,000 years ago.

Whenever and if ever Palm Sunday should fall on St. Patrick's Day, according to the interesting legend recounted for this column, there will be no further wars.

With Easter Day this year on March 24, Palm Sunday coincides with St. Patrick's Day and offers opportunity for testing the ancient prophecy.

ST. PATRICK himself is credited with having granted the Leap Year boon of proposing to unwed maidens.

Folklore has it that it was St. Bridget who approached the beloved saint on behalf of girls in Ireland without husbands or plighted swains and insistently made her plead that unattached females be allowed to suggest marriage to eligible men.

After demurring more than somewhat, it seems that the good saint, conceded courtly privileges during Leap Year.

And St. Bridget, according to one version of the legend, promptly asked the good saint for his hand.

He managed a convincing refusal, but made her a handsome present to assuage any wounded feelings, hereby establishing the tradition that if a maiden's proposal is rejected, the man must make her a nice present.

Probably the first instance of payment of heart balm.

THERE'S nothing like a batch of cold weather, like last week's record breaker, to show the mettle of Valley folks.

We're apt to take for granted the usual abundance of flowers and attractive shrubs.

But when something happens to wipe most of them out, we immediately get busy to rebuild the environment we've been accustomed to, and at the same time to improve on it.

In 1933 predictions were made that it would be years before the Valley was again its beautiful self.

But in a few months most of the scars, except in orchards and buildings, had been hidden by new growth and new blossoms.

MORE than a few Valley residents are looking over their home grounds with critical eyes, now that foliage is not so luxuriant.

They are studying line and proportion and planning just where to do the heaviest pruning; where to add new plants; and where to thin.

Petunias, larkspur, calendulas and a number of other annuals have not been hurt by the freeze and will be blossoming soon.

Persons short of annuals can get volunteer plants quickly by watering beds where petunias or larkspur blossomed last year.

And every extra plant, volunteer or cultivated, should be handed on to someone else if it isn't needed where it grew.

NOTE—Our private experiments with Vitamin B-1 came to an abrupt end with the folding up of the seven nasturtiums we had dedicated to science but we aim to carry on shortly with harder plants.

If claims for the magic solution can be depended upon, in April we'll be exhibiting nightblooming cereus as big as pie plates.

Weslaco Couple Honored

WESLACO—As a farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wortham, who left Saturday for Louisiana to make their home, members of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary entertained with a dinner at the city hall. Bouquets of colorful blossoms gave decoration to the table.

Brief talks expressing appreciation and friendship for the honor guests formed the informal program. Speakers included P. O. Barr, Mrs. B. Griffin, and M. Christner who were in charge of the hospitality.

Gladiolas decorated the rooms when Miss Grace Milliken was hostess to the Junior Music Club this week. Miss Millicent Yoder, vice president, presided in the business period and had charge of the program on Bach.

Life story of the composer was told by Miss Shirley McCasland and Mrs. Rogers Smith, club sponsor, played various types of music by Bach. Miss Milliken played delightfully a prelude by Bach as the instrumental feature of the program.

Trio Hostess To Club Unit In Mission

MISSION—Three hostesses shared honors when the Amus club met for a games party Wednesday evening at the William Massey home. Mrs. A. F. Volz and Miss Nellie Keating were hostesses with Mrs. Massey.

Two types of games were arranged for the diversion. High scores were made by Mr. and Mrs. Ollen Rome, Mrs. Matt Doffing and M. Vos; and low scores by Mrs. Harry Berset and Mrs. Matt Thome.

After the games, the hostesses served a salad course to Miss Mary Leverman, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Doffing, San Juan; Mrs. George Allen, Mrs. Sheldon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berset, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Garza, Mrs. Vos, Miss Grace Allen, all of McAllen; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Thome, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Ollen Rome, Mrs. Raymond Klapperich, Mrs. Verna Klapperich, Mission.

Mrs. R. G. Gerner entertained her bridge club Wednesday with a luncheon at the Cactus Tea Room.

A decorative touch which formed the centerpiece of the luncheon table was the bowl of bright Brazilian peppers.

High score honors went to Mrs. F. W. Dooley for the games which provided diversion during the afternoon. Mrs. D. W. Schulze was a special guest. Club members who completed the personnel with Mrs. Gerner were Mrs. Ray Landry, Mrs. H. E. Heppenstall, Mrs. A. R. Schuelke, Mrs. George Greene, and Mrs. J. L. Osburn.

Game Party Is Planned

McALLEN—Members of the McAllen Altar Society will sponsor a benefit games party Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the parish hall.

Winter visitors are cordially invited to attend the party for which separate prizes will be given each game group.

Chairman in charge of arrangements is Mrs. H. O. Berset. She will be assisted by Mrs. J. W. Crowder, Mrs. O. J. Anderson of Pharr, Mrs. A. Reis, Mrs. Bertha Kleckamp and Mrs. F. J. Micka.

Mrs. L. E. Drawe Conducts Program

MERCEDES—Mrs. L. E. Drawe was in charge of the program presented Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the Mercedes Home Demonstration club, held in the home of Mrs. Walter Bandemer.

Mrs. Drawe gave a talk entitled "Your Marriage, Madam!"

Two new members were added to the club roll, Mrs. Alfred Schroeder and Mrs. Walter Bailey.

Meeting is to be held with Mrs. R. G. Boller, when Miss Marie Miller, Hidalgo County Home Demonstration Agent, will give a demonstration on "Plenty of milk at home."

Club Is Entertained By Mrs. B. S. Wright

RAYMONDVILLE—Mrs. B. S. Wright was hostess to the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge club this week. Guests were Mrs. C. M. Corbett, Mrs. Holly Bostick and Mrs. John Farnbrough. Members playing were Mesdames J. G. Caude L. B. Lee, Don Hightower, E. M. Tomme, Lud Snow, Earl Gilliland, C. C. Conley, Harvey Gels and Gene Smith.

Mrs. Farnbrough was awarded tangible recognition for the guests and Mrs. Gels for the members. Refreshments suitable to a winter day were served.

Installation Set For Navy Mothers

MERCEDES—Installation of officers of the Rio Grande Valley Navy Mothers club will be held in Mercedes Sunday afternoon, in the city hall, at which time 1940, officers of the club will be installed.

A full attendance is requested for this special event.

GUERRAS RETURNA

RIO GRANDE CITY—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Guerra returned Tuesday from Hephzibah where they were the guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Guerra.

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•First Novel Reviewed

BROWNSVILLE—A review of the first novel, "Pamela," by Samuel Richardson, was given by Mrs. Winship Hodge at the Friday morning meeting of the Literature and Arts Review club at Quinta la Paz, home of Mrs. Volney W. Taylor.

The review was part of a series of studies on English literature. Mrs. Hodge traced the difference between "Pamela" and "Pilgrim's" characteristics of the present-day novel. She stated that the author had been asked to write sample letters for the benefit of those who had not had much practice in letter-writing. The author complied with the request, weaving the letters into a story.

There was a lengthy discussion of revision of the constitution of laws of the club during the business meeting.

Attending were Mesdames Walter M. Galloway, C. S. Eldman, Howard L. Cummings, Rufus Ransome, George J. Toolland, Joe K. Wells, Joseph C. Jordan, James B. Rentfro, M. P. McNair, Edward McChesney, Winship Hodge, G. D. Sutton, Penrose W. Hirst, members, and one guest, Mrs. Virginia Keele of Springfield, Illinois.

The next meeting will be held in two weeks with Mrs. C. S. Eldman when Mrs. Walter M. Galloway will be in charge of the program.

Brenners Hosts

RAYMONDVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brenner had as guests at a delectable Italian supper Tuesday evening, Dr. and Mrs. George Benack, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Douthit, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Robinson and Stanley Addington. Bridge followed the menu, with Mrs. Douthit winning high trophy for the ladies and Mr. Robinson for the men.



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A wedding of early spring that will claim widespread interest is to take place Sunday, February 18, in the First Methodist Church in San Benito when Miss Maureen East, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. East and member of a prominent San Benito family, will become the

Study Club Committees Are Named

HARLINGEN — Standing committees for the coming club year were announced at the meeting of the Study Club Thursday at the Woman's Building. Mrs. J. N. Crawford, re-elected president for the year 1940-41, announced the following standing committees:

Course of Study, Mesdames Paul Brown, Stanley Bliss, Dan Murphy, J. C. Myrick, J. T. Foster.

Publications department, Mesdames Keith McCance, J. M. Green, J. C. Atchison.

Student loan, Mesdames J. C. Crossett, C. A. Macy, Flynn V. Long, Library, Mesdames J. J. Murray, A. L. Brooks, T. S. Herren, R. M. Loving.

Social, Mesdames Wm. L. Trammell, S. G. Stringer, J. A. Alderdice, George Diehl, M. A. Childers, and Lloyd W. Thompson.

Special committees include: resolutions, Mesdames J. B. Charles, A. B. Newell, and Guy Shavely; extension, Mesdames E. P. McCall, F. T. Neary and Polk Hornaday; civics, Mesdames W. J. Williams, A. Goldammer, J. B. Powell and A. E. McClendon.

Mrs. T. S. Herren was named sponsor for the Junior Study Club. Program for the afternoon centering on the topic, "Looking Ahead," had as its highlight an excellent review of the autobiography of William Lyon Phelps given by Mrs. M. A. Childers Roll call set the keynote of progress for the afternoon's study and Mrs. Dan Murphy focused the interest of members more strongly on advancement in science and the arts in a talk "Before Your Very Eyes" which gave little known information concerning television.

Review Scheduled For Best Seller

HARLINGEN — Considerable interest in the scheduled review of "Gone With the Wind" February 9 has been displayed by both men and women. Mrs. Cecil Carruth, president of the Sam Houston Parent-Teacher Association, has stated. The review is one of a series of benefit reviews being sponsored during the year by the P.T.A.

Margaret Mitchell's book was chosen for the February review, which is to be presented by Mrs. J. N. Crawford, because of the revival of interest in the novel by its recent release in film version. Mrs. Crawford is widely recognized for her superb book reviews.

Engagement Announced at Large Tea



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bride of Russell J. Pennington of Hutchison, Kas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pennington of Hutchinson. Announcement of the coming rites was made at a large tea Saturday afternoon in San Benito.

Mrs. Smith-Jones Is Hostess At Pretty Springtime Luncheon Given in the City of Palms

McALLEN — The prettiest affair to brighten the social horizon in McAllen during the past week was the luncheon for which Mrs. Smith-Jones was hostess Wednesday in the DeMaxey Room of the Casa de Palmas Hotel to honor Mrs. Ernest Warner.

Miss Faidley, W.W. Hunter Pledge Vows

EDCOUCH — Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Faidley announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Louise to Woodrow Wilson Hunter, son of J. N. Hunter of Edcouch. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. Hunter's sister, Mrs. Harvey Hixon McAllen with the Rev. Hammie pastor of the McAllen Methodist church reading the marriage lines.

Mrs. Hunter who is a popular member of the younger group of the upper Valley, received her education in the Nessco Falls, Kansas high school and later attended college at Emporia, Kansas and at Edinburg junior college.

Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon to the sixteen members present. Plans were also made for a party to be held at the home of Mrs. Howard Tommie on Tuesday, January 30. The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bennett on South River Road.

All-Day Meeting

HARLINGEN — An all-day meeting of the Presbyterian Auxiliary will be held Tuesday starting at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. M. C. Chandler. Principal interest will center on the study of the new foreign mission book for the year, "Through Tragedy to Triumph."

A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

Display Prepared By Donna Members

DONNA — The Willing Workers met with Mrs. Carlson this week at her home North of Donna. During the business meeting plans were made for a club display at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair. Miss Marie gave a very instructive talk on buying and laying linoleum.

Through co-ordination of some activities in a federation, leaders believe, many of the common goals of the separate groups may be more easily reached. Full representation from each active group is earnestly requested.

Mrs. Glen Hoel Is Club Hostess

WESLACO — Mrs. Glen Hoel was hostess Thursday afternoon for interesting games of bridge enjoyed by members of the Dos Meas Club, and a guest of Mrs. George Urey.

Mrs. Norris Richey was the winner of the high score award. An attractive refreshment plate was

served at the home of Mrs. Julia Martin.

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at the home of Mrs. Julia Martin.

Russells Return

BROWNSVILLE — Arriving Saturday from brief visits were Miss Sally Russell and her brother, James A. Russell. Jr. Mr. Russell has been spending the week in Mexico City and Miss Russell has been in Kingsville for a few days.

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Visit Maxwells

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Aurora Officers Elected

SAN BENITO — Mrs. Woodrow Wilson was elected president when the Aurora club met Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Le Roy Crawford. Other officers chosen were Mrs. H. C. Massey, vice-president; Mrs. Marcell Hollon, secretary; Mrs. A. R. McHaney, treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Denson, program director. Mrs. Sally Russell of Brazil was guest speaker. Members of the club asked questions about Brazil. Miss Russell is now a member of a school faculty in Brazil. Mrs. James R. Russell, Sr., of Brownsville, was also a guest.

Members attending were Mesdames R. J. Bohner, Marvin Burgess, Lee Roy Crawford, Harrell Hollon, Robert Hamlin, E. R. Kennedy, H. C. Massey, A. V. Michael, A. R. McHaney, Wesley Roberts, A. C. Smith and Woodrow Wilson.

The Woman's Culture club met at the home of Mrs. L. B. Mayer. Mrs. J. Y. Harvey read an interesting paper on "Did You Know?"

"Our Changing Population" was topic of a panel discussion. Taking part were Mrs. O. L. Byrd, Mrs. C. M. Cash, Mrs. Harry Carroll and Mrs. Ted Hudson.

Mrs. Byrd, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Charley Barber, president.

A salad course was served by Mrs. Mayer at the close of the afternoon. The next meeting will be February 14, at the Stonewall Jackson hotel. This will be an open meeting with J. H. Plenn of Brownsville guest speaker. Mr. Plenn is author of the book, "Mexico Marches."

Miss Effie Watson was guest speaker for the afternoon when the Athenian club met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Blount for a program on Hawaii. Hawaiian music formed a background for her interesting talk. Guest artists were Mrs. F. L. Paschall, Mrs. L. W. Pratt, Mrs. H. V. Gordon, Mrs. Mary Schneider and Mrs. O. T. Roots, a string sextette.

During the social punch sandwiches and cookies were served from a lace laid table. Decorations for the affair featured pine cones.

Guests were Mesdames A. L. Henry, C. R. Dodson, Woodrow Wilson, F. W. Colmer, Roy Taft, J. W. Durette, F. W. Paschall, L. W. Pratt, Harry Schneider, Mrs. O. T. Roots, H. V. Gordon, A. R. Mohr and Miss Effie Watson. Members attending were Mesdames W. O. Brown, E. J. Blount, F. W. Burgess, E. C. Eredio, J. W. Graham, Alex Kerr, A. McMillan, John Prentiss, J. R. Harris, E. D. Reed, W. J. Shidler, John Sheldan, M. B. Finley, J. E. Thompson, L. R. Wasson, and R. H. Ward.

Dunkers Club Entertained

HARLINGEN — The club colors of purple and gold, with yellow calla lilies giving floral interest, were prettily emphasized Thursday evening when Frances Payne entertained the Dunkers Club, D. S. at 509 North A Street. Florence Matz, president, was in charge of the business meeting, and Katie Henderson directed the program.

The privilege of voting was exercised by Eleanor Mata who gave a short interesting sketch of the early beginning of the movement for women's suffrage started by Susan B. Anthony in the United States.

Each member was asked to express her opinion as to the proposed third term for President Roosevelt.

Members enjoying the doughnut

were Carolyn Cameron, Vassar Matz, Katie Henderson, Eunice Rogers, Bernice Prentzel, Yettie DeBois, Evelyn Dell, Mary Frances Gamble, Deltha Bothwell, Florence Matz, Gladys Wallace, Nita Matz, Edna Belle Farrar, and Mrs. Bruce Walker hostess at her home Thursday.

Mr. Mabel William, program chairman, introduced the speaker Mr. Wood talked on "Propagation of plants with classified demonstration of budding and grafting."

A large membership attended with Mrs. George Godfrey, president, in charge of the business.

Plant Propagation Discussed In Talk For Garden Group

WESLACO — A very interesting and instructive talk was given by John F. Wood of the Experiment Station to members of the Weslaco Garden club at the meeting held with Mrs. Bruce Walker hostess at her home Thursday.

From 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Mrs. Grace Ritchie Clark will be hostess at her home to an open house featuring the winter visitors. All are invited to call between the stipulated hours.

New Officers Named By Aurora Grove

BROWNSVILLE — Aurora Grove

778 elected officers at a recent meeting.

Nineteen members attended the session when the following were elected: Zulema Perez, past guardian; Anita R. Lopez, guardian; Gregoria Pena, advisor; Elena P. Hinjoza, corresponding and recording secretary; banker, Mrs. Nicols B. Miller; Dora C. Alonso chairman of auditors.

Blasa C. Hinjoza, second auditor; Teodora R. Hill, third auditor; Josefina Ramirez, chaplain; Cuca Barrios, attendant; Isabel Barreda assistant attendant; Josefina Rousette, junior counselor; Josefina Rousette, reporter; Maria Trevino inner sentinel, Dora Sanchez, outer sentinel.

Mr., Mrs. Heid Are Bridge Hosts

WESLACO — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heid was hosts to members of the duplicate club, playing at their lovely home on Texas Boulevard Thursday night. Roses attractively decorated the reception room and winners of score were Mr. Heid, Mrs. Charles Pearre, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Soilether.

Late in the hospitality the hostesses served a delicious salad plate.

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Saving Of Flowers Is Topic

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Sam Perl was in charge of the interesting program on the preservation of cut flowers at the Thursday morning meeting of Los Ebanos Garden club at the home of Mrs. Thomas H. Sweeney, Jr.

Religion In Home Discussed

LA FERIA—At the meeting of the Child Study Club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jimmy Nuckles, the Rev. J. C. Lovern, pastor of the Methodist Church, was guest speaker. He had as his topic, "Religion in the Home."

The speaker stressed the importance of parents being what they expected their children to be.

The hostess served cake and coffee to 13 members and Mrs. Carron of Ohio, a guest.

The La Feria Society of Christian Women will entertain Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church honoring the winter tourists in the community. Women from the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist churches from the hostess group extend a cordial invitation to all winter visitors to attend the interesting program which starts at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Robert Elston entertained recently with a party to honor her daughter, Jean Anne, on her 10th birthday. Games and contests were enjoyed.

Major interest of the little guests centered on the unique birthday cake baked in the shape of a lamb and covered with coconut icing to represent wool. Jello, cake, and candy were served the young guests.

They were Mary Shannon, Arnett Viking, Evelyn Kottleb, Gerry Ashworth, Loretta Grotzinger, Mary Emma Hopkins, Anna Ramsey Hopkins, and Vivian Fay Elston.

Mrs. Elston was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Ray Foncannon.

Mrs. K. J. Scott Is Bridge Hostess

PHARR—Mrs. K. J. Scott was hostess for a delightful meeting of the Tuesday Bridge club, colorful flowers being used to decorate the rooms. The attractive St. Valentine motif was carried out in the game appointments and refreshment services.

Mrs. George B. Fleming, Sr., was awarded the trophy for high score. Those present were Mesdames T. A. Wall, Roy Barnes, A. L. Price E. C. White, Bryce Ferguson, A. A. Kelley, George B. Fleming, Marvin Evans and the hostess, Mrs. Scott.

Brownies Make Cards To Send to Sick

PHARR—"Art" was the special feature of the regular meeting of the Brownie Girl Scouts, held Tuesday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. June Avery.

The afternoon was spent with the girls making "Get Well" cards. At next week's meeting the group will make "valentines."

Arrive For Winter

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Sanleigh and sons Sherman, Jr. and Lanny, of Denison, Texas, arrived Wednesday to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Slocum Visits

PHARR—Mrs. R. E. Slocum is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Lindsay and Mr. Lindsay, in Houston.

President Aurora Club



Mrs. Roswell J. Bohner of San Benito is president of the Aurora Club, one of the most active club groups of young San Benito matrons. Mrs. Bohner is prominent in church and other activities and is especially in demand for lectures and information on child training.

Newcomer Gets Into Fiesta Spirit



Mrs. Jack Mace, a newcomer to Brownsville, gets into the spirit of the fiesta of Charro Days by trying on one of the lovely costumes that will be seen at the balls, and social events in the coming week. Mrs. Mace, who arrived here from Minnesota on the evening of the concluding day of the fiesta, wears a Michoacan costume complete with the dish of fruit that goes with the costume, loaned by Miss Lillian Runyon. The white blouse is brightly embroidered in wool, and the dark flannel, is pleated at the waist, and features a double peplum of the flannel and the white cotton embroidery that ornaments the bottom of the skirt. (Staff Photo)

Betas Hold Initiation

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Jeanine Wortman was formally initiated into the Beta Sigma Phi at a meeting Thursday evening at Landrum's.

The ritual of jewels was conducted for the initiate.

Place cards ornamented with Mexican figures marked the places for winner for the chapter members, and a bowl of yellow chrysanthemums centered the table.

Attending besides Miss Wortman were Misses Mary Patrick, Billie Nuckles, Inez Brulay, Mary Mason Laurita Grider, Elizabeth Browne Mesdames J. B. Secrett, Harvey E. Nuckles, and Volney W. Taylor.

Program Tonight

EDCOUCH — A special program will be presented at the Eddouch Methodist church on Sunday night January 28. The young people of the church will present "The Life of Christ," in scripture, choruses, quartets, duets, solos with full choruses and readings.

McAllen Methodist Church Circles Are Re-Organized; Luncheon Enjoyed by WMS

MCCALLEN—The names of famous Biblical characters were chosen to designate three of the four circles comprising the Women's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church meeting for an organization covered dish luncheon Thursday at the church.

The group of which Mrs. E. W. Oden is chairman will be known as the "Esther circle"; Mrs. Lloyd Lee's group is now named "Ruth," and Mrs. Mason Rowe's "Martha." The Naomi circle retained its name. Previously the circles had been designated with the numbers one, two and three.

Seventy nine women were present at the luncheon featured by an address by Mrs. Homer Sala, wife of Dr. Homer Sala of Decatur, Ill., noted lecturer and traveler. Her talk was entitled "The Gift of a Christian Mother."

Mrs. Sala, who has traveled extensively with her husband, is a highly interesting speaker, members said.

The devotional was given by Mrs. O. B. Merrill with Mrs. Chester Fink reading a leaflet citing the accomplishments of Miss Belle Bennett, one of the outstanding Methodist foreign missionaries.

Following the luncheon groups met for meetings at the church. Members of the Naomi circle went to Mrs. Bill McGilvray's home where a social afternoon was enjoyed.

Twelve members attended the meeting of the Esther circle with the following officers presiding: Chairman, Mrs. Oden; Mrs. Adamson, treasurer; Mrs. G. C. Ehlinger, secretary and Mrs. W. T. Morgan, treasurer.

Plans for a Valentine party to be held at the church Feb. 14 were made by the Ruth circle at their meeting. The party is open to all public. Mrs. Lee was circle leader.

BROWNSVILLE — All officers were reelected by members of the Brownsville Art League at a meeting held recently.

The officers are: Mrs. J. Earle Magill, president; Mrs. Kellis G. Buckley, secretary; and Mrs. D. D. Hyndman, reelected.

AUSTINITES VISIT — Mrs. Lula George has as her houseguests Mrs. E. J. Tucker of Austin, former Brownsville resident, and Mrs. Robert C. Amman, Sr., also of Austin. The two arrived Tuesday evening from Austin for the announcement party given Saturday afternoon for Miss Mary Helen George by her mother.

FROM VERMONT — Mrs. M. B. Kingsbury and her daughter, Mrs. D. J. Branion arrived Thursday from their home in Burlington, Vermont, to spend the winter with Mrs. Kingsbury's brother and sister, Walter Rousset and Mrs. Alice R. Valdez.

Visit Schmidts — **BROWNSVILLE** — Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Schmidt for Charro Days are Mrs. R. C. Kring of Dallas, Miss Dorothy Ann Schmidt of Washington, and Mrs. H. V. Scanlan, of Watertown, Wisconsin. The visitors arrived at the weekend.

GUEST IN DONNA — **DONNA** — Mrs. James D. Williamson is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Yeager, of Donna, at their home on South Sixth street.

Attend National Meet

MCCALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore and son left last week for Kansas City where Mrs. Moore will visit while he attends the National Canner's Convention in Chicago.

Wallace Bohannon of Edinburg accompanied the Moores on their trip.

Mrs. Percy Herman arrived Saturday from a month's trip during which she visited her daughter, Louise, in New York City and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pagenstecher in Austin. Mr. Herman, who also made the trip to New York, returned to McAllen Thursday while Mrs. Herman remained in Austin for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Buescher and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Thomas returned Thursday from San Antonio where they spent a few days.

Mrs. Abe Morell, the former Merlum Vessels, who has been visiting her parent, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Vessels for the past few weeks, left for her home in Enid, Okla., Thursday. She was accompanied as far as Dallas by her father.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sipe of Decatur, Ill., and Mrs. I. W. McClung of Sullivan, Ill., are spending the winter visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Sipe of San Juan.

Mrs. R. H. Haseltine is spending the week-end at Houston.

Election Held At Meeting Of YWCA Board

HARLINGEN — The Valley Y. W. C. A. Board met Thursday, January 25th, in the home of Mrs. Van R. Wiggins, Harlingen, with Mrs. Lee H. Kidder, president, presiding.

Plans for the annual summer camp were formulated and the date set tentatively, June 17 to July 13. Mrs. M. U. Caul, camp chairman, led a discussion of requirements of personnel and proposed changes in activities, stating that a capacity of 35 girls can be cared for each week of the camp.

Officers were elected for the 1940-41 seasons, and are: Mrs. Lee H. Kidder, re-elected president; Mrs. Frank Voder, Weslaco, vice president; Mrs. Van R. Wiggins, recording secretary; Mrs. E. G. Harris, Rio Hondo, treasurer; Mrs. O. J. Schaeffer, Mercedes, corresponding secretary and Mrs. M. U. Caul, camp chairman.

Mrs. Kidder reported the camp is in readiness for the summer and many reservations already made. The Baptist Young People will have a conference May 27 through June 1; the Christian Young People on June 3 through 8; Cameron County Home Demonstration clubs June 12 and 13; 4-H clubs of three counties June 14th and 15th.

Members in attendance were Mrs. Ralph Agar and Mrs. C. L. Jones, San Benito; Mrs. Kidder, Mercedes; Mrs. M. U. Caul, Mrs. Geo. L. Gallagher, Mrs. Hill Cocke and Mrs. Wiggins, Harlingen.

The board will meet again during the summer camp at the Y. W. C. A. camp in Rio Hondo.

Society Calendar

HARLINGEN Monday

3:30 p.m. Affluat Club has postponed meeting at Woman's Building.

Tuesday

3 p.m. Methodist women will be hostesses to officers of other Harlingen missionary societies for meeting to organize city federation of missionary groups.

10:30 a.m. Presbyterian Auxiliary meets at the home of Mrs. M. C. Chandler for all-day study of mission book.

10:30 a.m. Circle five, Baptist Women's Missionary Society meets at the home of Mrs. E. C. Breedlove for all day session.

2 p.m. Circles one and two, Baptist W.M.S. meets at the church for mission study.

2 p.m. Circles three and four, Baptist W.M.S. meet at the home of Mrs. Foster Tebe.

1 p.m. Child Study Club meets with Mrs. Joe Wood with Mrs. J. C. Thrash as co-hostess.

4 p.m. Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre presents "Under the Lilacs" in the Municipal Auditorium with Harlingen Fine Arts Club as sponsors.

8 p.m. Dunkers Club, D. S. will meet at the home of Bernice Prentzel, 1102 E. Filmore.

5 to 8:30 p.m. Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid has benefit chicken and oyster supper in basement of First Methodist Church.

2:30 p.m. South O'Harlingen Club will meet at the home Mrs. F. M. Miller on the San Benito highway.

Mrs. R. D. Smith Is Club Hostess

RAYMONDVILLE — The Deal-E-M Club members were guests of Mrs. R. D. Smith on Wednesday for their party. Mrs. Kermit Lindahl played high. Mrs. Louis Stewart and Mrs. M. C. Yoder were guests.

At the conclusion of the games a dainty sweet course was served.

Supper Postponed

EDCOUCH — The oyster supper sponsored by the Ladies Club of the Methodist church which was postponed due to the inclement weather will be held at the church annex on February 2nd, according to an announcement made by the committee in charge of this benefit affair.

To Graduate



District Meeting Is Called

HARLINGEN — Call to Valley members of the executive board for the Fifth District, Texas Federation of Women's clubs to a meeting Friday, February 2, in Corpus Christi. Mrs. Garcia, Iris O'Meara, Howard L. Stagg, John Hinjosa, Jr., Miss Shirley and Robin Brooks. Miss Olive Lee Jackson was a guest for the evening.

During the business session Mrs. Scott gave an interesting report on Federation news after which the meeting was turned over to Miss Shirley Brooks, program chairman for the evening on the subject "The Influence of School and Church."

Miss Brooks introduced Mrs. Solis who read a paper on "The Story of Christianity". Miss Brooks concluded the program with a discussion of "Modern Educational Agencies." Refreshments were served following adjournment.

Mrs. Spillat Hostess For Club Meeting

RIO GRANDE CITY — Mrs. Bascom A. Spillat entertained the Woman's club Thursday night at her home with the following present: Mrs. Ida E. Huff, who presided in the absence of the president, and Mesdames Wm. Drummond, Arnold J. Vale, C. Solis, Florence J. Scott M. F. Garcia, Iris O'Meara, Howard L. Stagg, John Hinjosa, Jr., Miss Shirley and Robin Brooks. Miss Olive Lee Jackson was a guest for the evening.

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GROUP WILL MEET

EDCOUCH — Rev. S. H. Culpepper will be the guest speaker for the fourth and final meeting of the Eddouch-Elsa Study group when they meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

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Wildcat Drilling For Week Sets Record For Winter Oil Activities

Hidalgo And Starr Lead In Southwest Development

McALLEN — More and deeper wildcats were drilling Saturday in the Lower Rio Grande Valley oil area than at any time in recent months and they were being drilled in areas that should produce some excellent results. Most important and interesting tests were underway in Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

About five miles south of McAllen in southern Hidalgo County, Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1 T. J. Ogg, Jr., Lot 12, Block 5, Rio Bravo Plantation Subd., was coring around 6,960 feet on a 10,000-foot contract. No shows have been reported thus far in the well.

In central Hidalgo about 3,500 feet northeast of the distillate discovery and sole producer in the San Salvador gas-distillate field, Gulf States Oil Co. plans to take its semi-wildcat, the No. 2 Josefa Cardenes in Share 156, San Salvador del Tule Grant, to 10,000 feet. It is making hole around 6,000 feet with first gas distillate sands due around 6,500 feet.

Bronketer Oil Corp. No. 1 Daskam, Block 43, Daskam Subd., Por. 45, about two and a half miles east of the Samfordyke field in western Hidalgo, was making hole past 3,100 feet.

In northeastern Starr about five miles north of the Sun field and three and a half miles southwest of Kelsey field production, Sun Oil Co. No. 1 Encarnacion Rodriguez, Santa Teresa Grant, was reaming down to resume coring at 5,061 feet. No important shows have been reported in the test thus far.

Nearly two miles northeast of the Sun wildcat and a mile west and a little south of southernmost production in the new Starr County section of the prolific Kelsey field, Royal Oil & Gas Co. No. 1 Emenor Juarez, Block 9, McBride Subd., Shares B and C, Santa Teresa Grant, cemented 10 3/4 inch o.d. surface casing at 506 feet and was drilling past 1,800 feet. This wildcat will be watched very closely as a possible southwest extension of Kelsey production. It was reported that the Royal drilling block includes a 60-acre farmout from Trinity Petroleum Co. in Santa Teresita and a 50-acre farmout from Navarro Oil Co., adjoining on the south. Humble Oil & Refining was reported to have provided \$2,500 bottom-hole money for a 5,000-foot test.

In southern Jim Hogg County, Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1 (slim-hole) Mestena Oil & Gas Co., also known as Humble No. 3 Mestena, Survey 388, Fowler & Rankin Subd., was abandoned at total depth of 6,230 feet after attempting to blow out at approximately the same depth at which the No. 2 Mestena was abandoned.

In the same area, Humble's No. 2 (slim-hole) Mestena Oil & Gas 390 feet from the east and 660 feet from the north lines of Survey 389, Fowler & Rankin Subd., was reported drilling around 600 feet.

McALLEN — South Texas producers completed so many new wells or had so many wells in pro-

DOMINO MEET OPEN MONDAY

5th Annual Mercedes Tournament Listed

MERCEDES — Entries drawn to play each night of the Mercedes Fifth Annual Domino Tournament, starting Monday night, January 29, 7 o'clock, sponsored by the Mercedes Volunteer Department, have been announced by R. L. Yearwood, in charge of the event.

For Monday night, those drawn are: Frank Avant, Edgar Yates, Henry Lauderdale, L. M. McDonald, Henry Powell, Jerry Vanderschneid, F. W. Duncan, Clark Atteberry, RGV Gas Company, Jimmy Morgan, Iris Kramer, O. D. Kirkland, O. E. Van Berg, Herbert Goza.

Experts Entered

Ben Brooks, Jr., J. A. Taylor, Tommy Ewing, Excelsior Laundry, Waldon Greenlee, Jimmy Nebenzahl, John W. Herndon, Eli Edelstein, Henry Williamson, W. D. DeCell, Melvin Jordan, Abe Baum, Margaret Farmer, Harold Chumblet, C. B. Williams, D. J. Schwarz, Buddy Traylor, L. A. Price Mercantile Company.

On Tuesday night, January 30, the following are chosen to play: John J. Brooks, C. D. MacLean, Eldon B. Smith, Colley and McAfee, Owen Stone, Sunny Drive-Inn, W. E. Tilley, Alston Drug Store, Dr. D. L. Heidrick, J. H. Swirce, Dave Barash, Piggy-Wiggle, J. C. Deyo, F. G. Karle, George Carnes.

F. C. Reasonover, J. M. Reynolds, Sheriff Bob Daniel, Bill Dickman, J. O. Ward, D. R. Givens, Charles Hupp, O. L. Schaeffer, Alex Rosler, C. A. Ripley, Cal Gulley, Sam Saulsbury, Dr. M. R. Lawler, Floyd Currelly, H. T. Stotter, Packard Barton, Sam Colbert.

The first two nights of the tournament, there are many entrants who do not intend to play but buy tickets each year to help out the department. All good domino players in the town have been invited to come to the city hall Monday night and Tuesday night and substitute for these business men who do not know the game.

Wednesday Entrants

On Wednesday night, January 31, the following thirty-two entrants tangle to see "who's to blame": Steve Frances, E. Q. Farris, Noah Sisk, Fred Johnston, Dan Logan, George Buchanan, Truett Jordan, A. L. Turner, C. L. Curtis, Larry Bonner, Ned Irby, Dick Glover, Albert Twenhafel, C. A. Gulley, J. J. Fitzgerald, Smith McMorries, Frank Markham, Gene Brown, Harry Ratliff, Ben Golden, John Bruce, R. H. Andrews, J. R. Wade, W. W. West, Carl Blasig, J. L. Bates, Fred Bennett, Roy Powell, Henry Rickert, Hollie McCullough, Mike Bettles, W. H. Steger.

The preliminary rounds will end with the play Thursday night, the drawing of which has not been completed. However, there will be eight players from each of the first four nights, matched Monday night, February 5, to determine the eight finalists who play Tuesday night to decide the championship.

Matas Honored

Medicos Will Fete Border Native

BROWNSVILLE — Dr. Rudolph Matas, native of Matamoros who has achieved international recognition as a surgeon, is to be honored by more than a thousand doctors from all over the United States.

Dr. Matas, Professor of General and Clinical Surgery, Emeritus, Tulane University, will be the honor guest of the Graduate Medical Assembly, February 26-29, in New Orleans.

Nineteen speakers, each a leader in some field of medicine, will lecture at the gathering, a combined short course and mid-winter vacation for medical men.

Mexican Movies Shown Tourists

McALLEN — C. W. (Red) Moores of the Britton photo firm presented colored movies of a trip to Mexico City and surrounding country to 200 tourists at Legion Hall here: the past week.

Pictures of the Weslaco birthday party style show and colorful flowers of the Valley also were screened. Community singing was enjoyed later in the evening. Mr. John Moore and Mrs. E. Hall played the piano for old fashioned dancing and W. T. Perry and J. Adams called the figures.

Music Could Reduce War, Iturbi Asserts



Jose Iturbi, famed pianist, composer and conductor, said Saturday in Brownsville war would be reduced materially if Europe had a deeper appreciation of music. He will give a recital Monday at 8 p.m. in the Edinburg Junior College auditorium. He is sponsored by Cultural Arts, Inc.

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By A. D. HAWKINS

BROWNSVILLE — War could be reduced materially in Europe if the people there had a better knowledge and appreciation of music. He directed the county meet of Interscholastic League schools.

It was decided to drop literary events because preparation for them has been felt to interfere with the regular classwork in the rural schools.

Iturbi said he has been invited to conduct the boys' baseball.

Ewing said: "Raul Garza of Encantada will conduct the boys' relay races; R. T. McEwan of Olmito, boys' bar-chaining contests; P. D. Kennamer, boys' broad-jump contest; and Mrs. Jack Todd of Villa Nueva will be in charge of the boys' baseball throw."

Program Listed

Mrs. Ruth Bohannon of Las Vegas will direct the girls' baseball; girls' 100-yard dashes will be under the direction of Miss Sally Lee Box of the Hardin Ranch school; Miss Dora Lamon of Briggs-Coleman will be in charge of girls' relays; and Miss Lilia Flores of Villa Nueva will be in charge of girls' baseball throw.

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Edcouch Methodist Church Expansion Near Completion

EDCOUCH — Construction of additional rooms for the Sunday school of the Methodist church is progressing rapidly and with favorable weather conditions will soon be completed. The new building was made necessary by the lack of room for the various Sunday school classes.

The plan for financing this addition to the church is unique in that the board of stewards formulated a plan whereby each family who attends the church is to place three cents per day for each day of the month in a special carton bank which is furnished by the board of stewards.

Hardeman To Preach At Harlingen Series

HARLINGEN — Series of sermons by N. B. Hardeman, Henderson, Tenn., president of Hardeman Christian College, to begin at Harlingen municipal auditorium shortly, was announced here by Mrs. J. A. Faris, Edcouch.

Mrs. Farris said Hardeman is a Bible scholar with no superior, a fluent speaker and a Christian.

COUNTY-CITY HOSPITAL

EDINBURG — Admitted Saturday: Peter Crowder, Edinburg; dismissed Saturday: Mrs. C. H. Massey and baby, Edinburg.

Ruled Ineligible

AUSTIN — (AP) — E. J. Crofoot of Bay City, appointed by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel to the board of the Lower Colorado River Authority, is ineligible to serve in that position, Attorney General Gerald C. Mann ruled Friday.

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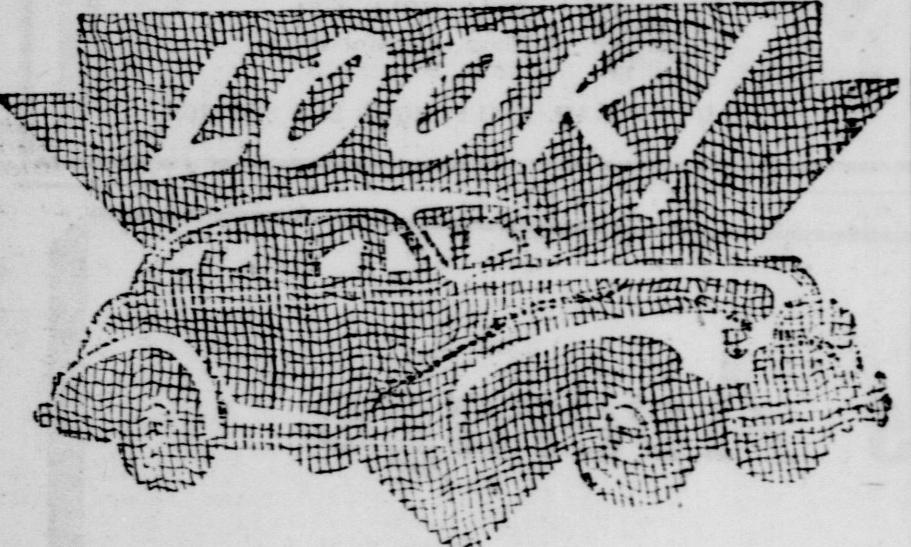
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at Harlingen, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1939, published in the Valley Morning Star, a newspaper printed and published at Harlingen, State of Texas, on the 28th day of January, 1940.

ASSETS

First mortgage direct reduction loans \$134,064.90
Accrued interest receivable on first mortgage loans (unless included above) 2,040.00
Loans secured by shares of this association (stock loans) 1,800.00
Real estate owned 450.00
Cash on hand and in banks 3,447.84
Less allowance for depreciation 487.50
Accounts Receivable 803.38
Total Assets \$143,093.62.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES

Repurchasable or free shares
Free instalment shares \$ 7,869.63
Full paid shares 102,900.02
Borrowed money from Banks 6,750.00
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Loans in process 5,500.00
Other liabilities Trust Funds 5,566.80
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Undivided profits 444.17
Reserve for estimated dividend requirements 1,563.00
Total Liabilities \$143,093.62.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CAMERON

We, Ira E. Eells as Vice-President, and F. L. Flynn as Secretary of said Association, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Ira E. Eells, Vice-President

F. L. Flynn, Secretary

CORRECT ATTEST:

R. E. Mittanck
R. L. Hill
E. C. Breedlove
Directors
(Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th day of January, A.D. 1940.

Myrlin O. Johnson
Notary Public, Cameron County, Texas.

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Advantage Increased By Bayou City

By The Associated Press

The first four weeks of 1940 put Houston far ahead in new Texas building, the South Texas metropolis running up a total about six times the size of its nearest competitors.

The totals:

City	Week	Year
Houston\$196,900\$31,640
Midland	141,250	176,825
Dallas	67,529	56,297
Austin	46,190	344,814
Fort Worth	42,122	251,872
San Antonio	33,230	244,588
Corpus Christi	20,375	179,415
Wichita Falls	18,500	78,310
Beaumont	17,340	56,703
Lubbock	13,208	56,993
Galveston	11,642	328,125
Port Arthur	3,119	53,033
Tyler	2,300	32,849

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Radio Log

8:00 A.M. CBC—Today in Europe. NECB-Cast to Coast on the Bus. NBC-TV-Post Show. Quartet. KRGV-Night. Radio Chapel. KRGV-Night. Drivers. (incl. KRGV-Sunday Drivers.)

8:15 CBS—Outdoor With Bob Edge. NBC-Tom Terris.

8:30 CBS—Wings, NBC-TV. NECB-Sunday Drivers.

8:35 CBS—Music News. Sunday Drivers.

9:00 CBS—Church of the Air. NBC-TV-Morning Musicals. NBC-TV-The Radio Pulpit. KRGV—Chuck Wagon Gang.

9:15 MBS—The Lamp Lighter. KRGV.

9:30 CBS—March of Music. NBC-TV—Four Bells. NBC-TV-Horn and Hardarts Children's hour; Bill Johnson, baritone. KRGV—Real Estate Hour.

9:45 NBC—Smiling Ed. NBC-TV—Ed. NBC-TV.

10:00 CBS—Press news. MBS—Brother Al Hofier says. NBC-TV—AP News. NBC-TV—News. KRGV—Latin American Hour.

10:15 CBS—Romance and Your Affairs. Romeo in the land of make-believe. NBC-TV—Walter Logan's musical.

10:30 CBS—Reviewing Stand: NECB—Jose Montoya Majah Bowes' Family. NBC-TV—Southern immigrants. NBC-TV—Sunday news highlights. Music and American Youth.

10:45 NBC—The Listener's corner.

10:50 NBC—Music and American Youth.

11:00 MBS—Music and American Youth.

Arlington time signals; Radio City Music Hall of the Air (incl. KRGV). NBC-TV—Arlington time signals; Vernon Crane's story book.

11:15 CBS—The Story of the Guitars. NBC-TV—Guitarist.

11:30 CBS—San Luis City—Caribbean choir and organ. NBC-TV—American wildlife.

NBC-TV—On your job.

12:00 CBS—Church of the Air. NBC-TV—Armenian music. NBC-TV—Metropolitan mood songs (incl. KRGV). NECB—To be announced.

12:35 CBS—Grand hotel; to be announced.

1:00 P.M. CBS—Democracy in action. NBC-TV—Mystery history. NBC-TV—Great plays. KRGV—News. weather. NBC-TV—Metropolitan mood songs (incl. KRGV). NECB—To be announced.

1:30 CBS—Going South; Songs: News and rhythm. Anson Weeks orch. NBC-TV—Go back to the Bible. NBC-TV—University of Chicago round table discussion.

2:00 CBS—Philharmonic symphony of New York. NBC-TV—Mediation and Melody. NBC-TV—Norman Clouston's orchestra. NBC-TV—Divorce, sketch. KRGV—Dinner concert.

2:15 NBC—Foreign Policy Association Program (incl. KRGV).

2:30 CBS—Haven of Rest; Hartz Mountain Singing Canaries (incl. KRGV). NBC-TV—Tapestry (incl. KRGV). NBC-TV—The Bandwagon. KRGV—Edward Davies.

2:45 NBC—Rangers serenade.

3:00 MBS—Nobody's children. NBC-TV—National Vespers. NBC-TV—Al Donahue program. KRGV—Christian Science program.

3:30 CBS—Pursuit of Happiness. NBC-TV—The Shadow: the Lutheran Hour. NBC-TV—The Listener's corner; Richard Hubmer orch. (incl. KRGV).

4:00 CBS—Hobby Lobby; To be announced.

4:30 CBS—Bob Becker's chat show.

4:45 CBS—The Show: NBC-TV.

5:00 CBS—The War This Week. NBC-TV—Canada can't stand NBC-TV—Canada's war program (incl. KRGV). Lovely Lady Program.

5:30 CBS—The Show. Gene Autry, NBC-TV—The Show of the Week. NBC-TV—Groucho Club. KRGV—Friends of the Zoo.

6:00 CBS—The War This Week. NBC-TV—Canada can't stand NBC-TV—Canada's war program

ROMANCE

SCREEN CALENDAR

COMEDY

MARCH OF TIME

DRAMA



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VALLEY SCREEN CALENDAR

CAPITOL THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen in "Charlie McCarthy, Detective" with Robert Cummings. Also latest issue of the March of Time.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Paul Muni in James Hilton's "We Are Not Alone" with Jane Bryan and Una O'Connor.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell in "His Girl Friday" with Ralph Bellamy and Helen Mack. * * *

QUEEN THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Tito Guizar in "The Cisco Kid" with Gale Sondergaard.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Errol Flynn in "The Dawn Patrol" with David Niven, Basil Rathbone and Donald Crisp.

THURSDAY ONLY: The Jones Family in "Too Busy To Work" with Jed Prouty, Spring Byington and Joan Davis.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Roy Rogers and George "Gabby" Hayes in "The Days of Jesse James" with Pauline Moore. * * *

RIVOLI THEATRE, SAN BENITO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: James Stewart and Jean Arthur in Frank Capra's "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" with Edward Arnold, Guy Kibbee and Claude Rains.

TUESDAY ONLY: Walter Pidgeon and Rita Johnson in "Nick Carter, Master Detective" with Henry Hull and Donald Meek.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Cesar Romero and Virginia Field in "The Cisco Kid and the Lady" with Marjorie Weaver.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: George Raft and Jane Bryan in "Invisible Stripes" with Humphrey Bogart and William Holden. * * *

ARCADIA THEATRE, HARLINGEN

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: George Raft and Jane Bryan in "Invisible Stripes" with Humphrey Bogart and William Holden.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Charles Laughton as "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with Maureen O'Hara, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Basil Rathbone. * * *

RIALTO THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Boris Karloff and Marjorie Reynolds in "Fatal Hour" with Grant Withers.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Joe Penner in "The Day the Bookies Went" with Betty Grable.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Walter Pidgeon and Rita Johnson in "Nick Carter, Master Detective" with Henry Hull and Donald Meek.

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STRAND THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Don Ameche and Alice Faye in "Hollywood Cavalcade" with J. Edward Bromberg and Busby Berkeley. Filmed in Technicolor.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll in "Honeymoon in Bali" with Allan Jones and Helen Broderick.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Ralph Richardson and June Duprez in Alexander Korda's "Four Feathers" with John Clements. Filmed in Technicolor. * * *

STATE THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone in "Judge Hardy and Son" with Ann Rutherford, Cecilia Parker and Fay Holden.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas in "Ninotchka" with Ina Claire.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Joel McCrea and Nancy Kelly in "He Married His Wife" with Mary Boland. Also latest issue of March of Time.

SATURDAY ONLY: The three Mesquites in "Heroes of the Saddle" with Duncan Renaldo and Raymond Hatton. * * *

RITZ THEATRE, WESLACO

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Current Films

Sunday, January 28, 1940

GRETA GARBO returns to the screen after an absence of almost two years to play her first ultra-modern role in the sophisticated romantic comedy "Ninotchka," with Melvyn Douglas and Ina Claire as co-stars.

Miss Garbo was never more fascinating than as a modern charmer with a sense of humor, and Douglas plays his role with debonair urbanity. Miss Claire provides him with a brilliant performance, and a hilarious new comedy trio is introduced in Felix Bressart, Sig Rumann and Alexander Granach.

"Ninotchka," is scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen; Tuesday and Wednesday at both the State Theatre in Mercedes and the Palace Theatre in McAllen and at the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco, Thursday and Friday.

'MARCH OF TIME' DEPICTS FINNISH DEFENSE

DAILY newspaper accounts of the Finnish War are given new meaning and significance by the latest March of Time. Entitled "The Republic of Finland," this issue of The March of Time presents a timely and enlightening film story of the life and national character of the Finnish people, and contains many colorful scenes of Finnish ski troops and other military units in action.

Finland's well-armed and well-disciplined citizen army of less than half a million men. The March of Time shows it today commanded by General Karl Mannerheim, Finland's famed old military strategist who in 1918 led the armed forces of his little nation against the overwhelmingly greater troops of Soviet Russia, and thus freed his people of Communist rule.

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JAMES STEWART STARRED IN NEW HIT

FABLED WASHINGTON, Shrine of Democracy built of the spirit of thousand patriots, mighty capitol whose will shapes the destinies of main streets and dynasties. Out of its treasure of mystery and intrigue, romance and adventure, diplomacy and might, the genius of Frank Capra has brought to the screen the heart of America in the great American motion picture, "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" starring James Stewart and Jean Arthur.

Stewart plays the role of a young man appointed to the Senate by a controlled governor to serve the unexpired term of an expired junior senator, and takes orders from the venal senior senator who takes his from a plundering publisher.

Enamored of the Lincoln precedent, the youngster stumbles upon the truth about his appointment and is ridden down by the machine when he attempts to expose the stoolie. Facing expulsion, the filibusters single handedly to such persistent length that his naively earnest eloquence breaks down the powers arrayed against him.

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HARDY FAMILY CONTINUES SCREEN ADVENTURES

THE LATEST of the "Judge Hardy Family" pictures, "Judge Hardy and Son" brings Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone and the rest of the entertaining family together for the eighth time on the screen.

In the new adventures of the famous family Mickey turns detective to help his father fight a foreclosure case; gets involved with three pretty girls with consequent trouble with his "regular" sweetheart, Ann Rutherford, turns hero to ferry Cecilia Parker across a raging flood to reach her sick mother's bedside; and inspires his father to new courage in an hour of tragedy.

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STEPHEN FOSTER'S MELODIES IN COLOR FILM

THE BELOVED and famous melodies that are America's only real folk music, and the thrilling story of the man who wrote them, come to the screen in the Technicolor screen production, "Swanee River," co-starring Don Ameche, Andrea Leeds and Al Jolson.

It is the story of Stephen C. Foster, who out of the bitter and sweet of a great love—the most beautiful thing in his stormy, exciting life—wrote the songs that set the very heart of America to music.

Foster's matchless songs: "The Old Folks at Home" ("Swanee River"), "Oh! Susanna!", "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home" and countless others are featured in the picture, which faithfully tells the story of his life as he actually lived it.

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Casts And Forecasts

FEBRUARY, the shortest month in the year is just around the corner. However, short in days, the month will be crowded in entertainment for Valley theatre-goers.

The most outstanding Valley release for February is, of course, "Gone With The Wind," which opens at the Arcadia in Harlingen, February 15. Just in case you don't know the featured cast of "Gone With The Wind" includes Clark Gable, Leslie Howard, Olivia De Havilland and Vivien Leigh. More than three hours in length the picture is filmed in color.

ANOTHER February hit will be "Gulliver's Travels," the first full length feature cartoon since "Snow White," which is now enjoying extended runs throughout the larger cities. Still others will include "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" starring Charles Laughton; "The Fighting 69th," with James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, George Brent and Jeffery Lynn; "The Shop Around the Corner," with Margaret Sullavan and James Stewart; "Balalaika," with Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey; "Brother Rat and the Baby," with Priscilla Lane, Wayne Morris, Jane Wyman and Eddie Albert; "Congo Maisie," with Ann Sothern, Rita Johnson and Harry Carroll and last but not least, "Little Old New York," with Alice Faye, Richard Greene and Fred MacMurray.

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mail orders for reserve seats to

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With the Harlingen engagement and all other showing throughout the state admission prices have been



Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in "Gone With The Wind," scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

set at 75¢ for matinee (except Sunday) and \$1.20 for evening performances and Sunday matinee.

"Gone With The Wind" is scheduled a full-week run at the Arcadia, with two shows daily at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. All seats to be reserved for both matinee and evening.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, distributors of "Gone With The Wind," an-

ounce there will be no showing of the picture at less than road show prices, at least during 1940 and that it will be shown in its entirety both here and elsewhere throughout the country.



THE WEATHER

Warmer

The Valley: Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday. Monday, partly cloudy, warmer. Gentle variable winds becoming southerly Sunday night.

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Illness Of Prober Postpones Case

(Pictures In Adjoining Column)
AUSTIN—(AP)—Dr. W. J. Johnson, aging superintendent of the state insane hospital at San Antonio, was required Saturday to wait until next week to begin presentation of his defense against charges that he made sexual advances toward women employees.

Adjournment of the sensational hearing until Monday was occasioned by the illness of Frank Davis, one of three members of the board of control, which is conducting it. Harry Knox, Jr., board chairman, said the inquiry would be resumed Monday even if Davis is unable to attend.

Case Draws Many

The senate chamber has been filled for each session since the start of testimony Thursday. Saturday's disappointment was the second for the crowd. Proceedings Friday morning were cut short at the request of counsel for Dr. Johnson.

Direct testimony against the married, 55-year-old hospital head was completed late Friday. Seven young women, some barely out of their teens, accused the bald physician of fondling them and discussing sexual subjects with them.

Dr. Johnson, who will testify probably Monday, claims the charges are baseless and that there is a conspiracy to remove him as hospital superintendent.

The board of control membership changed January 1 with Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's selection of Knox to a vacancy. Davis also is an appointee of O'Daniel but the governor has disclaimed any responsibility for actions of that or any other board.

"Beautiful Thing"

One former nurse at the hospital testified the superintendent had told her in effect that "if a girl did not have sexual relations she would be missing one of the most beautiful things in life." Another said the physician suggested she rent a room, not in her own name, "and he would pay for it."

A third former employee said that on several occasions when she went to Dr. Johnson's office to seek employment, the physician held her close, kissed her and attempted to make other advances. The rest of the witnesses recounted alleged occurrences of a similar nature. All said they resisted the superintendent's advances.

Attorneys for the superintendent sought to show that all the witnesses bore ill feeling toward him and wanted him removed from his position.

CIO Vice President Ensors Roosevelt

NEW YORK—(AP)—Sidney Hillman, vice president of the CIO and head of the powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, gave his unqualified endorsement to President Roosevelt Saturday and thereupon took a stand in open opposition to his chief, CIO President John L. Lewis.

Texas Post Officer Heads Ninth Corps

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—Army officials at Fort Sam Houston confirmed Saturday that Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the second division, has been appointed to command the Ninth Army Corps, which will be organized for extensive army maneuvers in the south about April.

Finds \$100,000

Texan Digs Up Gold Near Odessa

ODESSA, Tex.—(AP)—Riley Smith, tourist camp operator, said Saturday night he and a partner had located \$100,000 in buried \$10 and \$20 gold pieces within 15 miles of here.

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TELLS ADVANCES

CHARRO DAYS OPENS WEEK OF FESTIVITY

Sunday Events Start Full Program

Other Charro Day stories and pictures will be found on pages 2, 6, 7, 8, and 10.

BROWNSVILLE — This Texas-Mexican border city will throw cares to the wind Sunday, forget business and cold weather, let out its beard and launch upon a week of gaiety, dance, music and general festivity that goes under the name of Charro Days.

The fiesta proper is not scheduled to get under way until Thursday, February 1.

Pre-Charro Events

But there are so many pre-Charro events on the card that from Sunday afternoon on until the sun sets the following Sunday, Charro Days will be in the air, the people will be out in costume, and the celebrating will be on.

In fact, visitors to Brownsville for the annual fiesta were arriving before the end of this week, and those who are to take part in its various events were coming ahead of time. Race drivers were beginning to arrive with their motors and boats, in preparation for the speedboat regatta, rodeo performers were dropping in to town, and many others were on hand.

This will be the third annual Charro Days Fiesta in Brownsville. The fiesta was started in 1938 and immediately captured the fancy of people in the state. And last year thousands crowded into Brownsville to see it, and to take part in it.

The fiesta has part of its wide appeal in the fact that most visitors buy at least a Mexican hat, fancy themselves in costume, and immediately become a part of the show.

Sunday's event will be the promenade and "Dance of the Fleas" at the patio of the El Jardin hotel, which event is a sort of advance showing of costumes, staged so everybody can take pictures of everybody else.

Then events follow in rapid order. The Royal Court of the Brush holding a session whenever there is a threat of things lagging a bit. The Court of the Brush will challenge the freedom of the press when it calls up local newspaper editors Tuesday to give cause why they should not be fined for printing too much about the cold wave.

The first costume ball on the cal-

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

BROWNSVILLE PIONEER DIES

Mrs. Fairbanks, 63, Is Widely Known

BROWNSVILLE — Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Margaret McAllen Fairbanks, 63, well-known pioneer resident of Brownsville and the Valley.

Mrs. Fairbanks died at 8 a. m. Saturday at her Brownsville home, after a lengthy illness.

Services Sunday

Services will be at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Sunday at 4 p. m. Rev. Penrose W. Hirst, Episcopal minister, will be in charge.

Interment will be at Buena Vista cemetery, under the direction of Hinckley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fairbanks was born Margaret Elizabeth Rohde, March 29, 1876, at Galveston. She came to Brownsville at the age of five, and has made her home here since.

She was married to James B. McAllen in 1903. Four children were born of the union, all now surviving. Mr. McAllen died in 1917.

In 1919 she was married to Dr. G. D. Fairbanks of Brownsville, who survives her.

Survivors Listed

Surviving besides the husband, Mrs. Fairbanks' children are two daughters, Mrs. Pedro A. Chapa of Mexico City, who arrived in Brownsville shortly before her mother's death, and Mrs. William Scanlan of Brownsville; and two sons, Eldred E. and Argyle A. McAllen, both of whom reside on the McAllen ranch near Linn in Hidalgo county.

Pallbearers will be Junie Cobano, Augustine Celaya, Andres Cueto, Frank Armstrong, George Puttegnat, Jr., Joe Bollack, Louis Brulay and Alfred Puttegnat.

Rumania To Ask Aid Of Entente Nations

BUDAPEST—(AP)—Rumania, high authorities said Saturday night, will ask her Balkan entente partners—Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia—to promise her military support in case of attack by either Germany or Russia. Otherwise the Rumanian government was understood to have indicated it would be forced to seek an agreement with Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin.

He added there would be no other showings in the Valley or in Texas at less than road show prices until 1941. Prices to be charged at the two daily shows here will be \$1.20 for evening performances and 75 cents for matinees, except Sunday, when the \$1.20 price will be charged both afternoon and night. Seats will be reserved for all performances, with ticket sales opening Feb. 1.

The picture runs almost four hours, and should be seen only from the beginning, Mr. King said. Performances will begin at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m.

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Hitler Cracks Down Again. Propaganda

BERLIN—(AP)—The government intensified its war against propaganda calculated to undermine German morale by admonishing law enforcement agencies Saturday to deal severely with all caught listening to foreign broadcasts in defiance of a wartime decree.

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EL PASO POLICE ARE SAVED FROM MAJOR SACRIFICE

EL PASO, Tex.—(AP)—El Paso's policemen, who volunteered to a man to attend a "girlie" show and watch for obscene acts, will not be required to make the sacrifice after all.

The show, following official protest against the "disgraceful" nature of advance publicity, detoured around El Paso Saturday and ticket sellers were refunding money from advance sales.

Police Chief Robey called for volunteers to attend the show as censors, but the response was so great he announced the men would draw lots to see who attended.

NAZIS WEAKER THAN GERMAN NATION OF '14

Churchill Says Allies Far Stronger

MANCHESTER, England—(AP)—Winston Churchill Saturday appeared Nazi Germany as a weaker foe than the Imperial Germany of 1914 while the Allies "are far ahead of where we were at this time in the other war."

But he cautioned the British in an address on the progress of the conflict against any relaxation, declaring instead "it is a time to dare and endure."

The Nazi assertions that Britain's convoy system was ineffective, Churchill replied "that out of nearly 7,500 ships convoyed to and from this island only 15 have been lost." He said half of Germany's submarines had been destroyed and new building had "fallen far short of what we originally estimated."

He charged Germany with "shameful records" in the conquests of Czechoslovakia and Poland, from which he said "we can judge what our own fate would be should we fall into her clutches."

70,000 REDS ROUTED: FINNS CAPTURE ARMS

HELSINKI—(AP)—The beaten fragments of four Soviet divisions, once 70,000 strong, were reported by Finnish couriers Saturday night to be scattered in headlong flight, leaving the snows and icelocked lakes and rivers with thousands of dead and wounded.

The casualties and heaps of abandoned war materials were the price paid in a futile endeavor to outflank the Mannerheim Line, to cut behind it by encircling the frozen shores of Lake Ladoga.

When the whole story is told, the Finns said, it will show the worst disaster of the Russian invasion.

Then events follow in rapid order.

The Royal Court of the Brush holding a session whenever there is a threat of things lagging a bit. The Court of the Brush will challenge the freedom of the press when it calls up local newspaper editors Tuesday to give cause why they should not be fined for printing too much about the cold wave.

The first costume ball on the cal-

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Requirement Change Urged On Navy Bids

WASHINGTON — Secretary Edison urged Saturday that Congress alter the present requirement that navy contracts go to the lowest bidders, a restriction which he said was adding "untold millions" to the cost of new warships.

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Only Three Days Left In Which To Obtain Voting Right

CAMERON SET FOR PUSH AT LAST MINUTE

Agar Estimates 9000 More To Buy

BROWNSVILLE—Three days remain in which to pay 1940 poll tax.

At Brownsville the courthouse office and at Harlingen the branch office will be open Wednesday night until midnight to accommodate the expected last-minute rush.

Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector Ralph T. Agar said Saturday.

Only 3,228 poll tax receipts have been issued since they became payable October 1, and an estimated 350 new exemptions, deputies in his office reported. Deadline is midnight January 31.

Mr. Agar now estimates a maximum of 9,000 poll receipts will be issued in Cameron county. His first estimate of 18,000 has been reduced since early payments of poll taxes were so few.

Big Rush Foreseen

His office will be hard put to issue the balance of the estimated 9,000 in the three days remaining. Poll tax payers "will be standing in line" the last day, he said.

Around the courthouse county officials recalled previous years when long lines of poll tax payers formed in the tax collector's office, and backed far out into the halls.

With national, state and county elections up this year, it is expected more persons will pay their poll tax than last year, when 7,415 paid. There were 1,787 old and new exemptions in 1939.

Only about a dozen poll taxes have been paid by agents acting under the authorization of persons expecting to be out of the county during the poll tax paying period, Mr. Agar said Saturday.

Method Outlined

The form authorizing an agent must be certified before a notary public by the person for whom the poll tax receipt is intended, Mr. Agar said.

Methods of handling poll tax payments have been subjected to criticism in the Valley as well as throughout the state and in other parts of the south.

Restrictions on the issuance of poll tax receipts to authorized agents have been under fire in the Valley. Mr. Agar said Saturday he has required all forms authorizing agents to be filled out properly and signed before a notary.

Can Be Cancelled

Later if any questions arise as to the validity of the poll taxes paid by agents, the receipts can be cancelled on the poll tax books and the election judges notified, he said.

He has conferred with County Attorney Jack Welch as to the proper steps to require in the case of poll tax payments by agents.

Charro Days Open Sunday

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endar is the Buccaneer Ball, to be held Monday evening.

A Mexican supper is to be held Tuesday night, and a style show, at which costumers from all parts of Latin America will be shown, is scheduled for Wednesday night.

Another dance, by the Triple L Club, is to be held Wednesday night at the Country club.

The Fiesta proper then opens Thursday, the two big events of the day being the Promenade and the Grand Costume Ball. The costume ball has been one of the outstanding events of the Charro Days since it was started, and attracts a huge gathering of people in brilliant costumes.

Other entertainment the opening day includes an art exhibit, a junior grand ball, window displays, and "Bits of Old Mexico." The latter is a typical Mexican village which has been constructed for the event.

Mexican Village

Thatched huts with palm-leaf roofs have been erected, and the visitors will be able to buy any kind of Mexican food. Many entertainment events, including Mexican games, are arranged in this interesting feature of Charro Days. It will be open throughout Charro Week.

The Grand Parade will take place February 2, and is probably the outstanding event of the entire show. The floats in Charro Days are all horse-drawn, another departure from the conventional float idea.

The big parade will be repeated Friday night, the night parade in the past having proved even more spectacular than the daytime event.

The International Rodeo will be held Friday afternoon and evening, and again Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's program includes the children's parade, which proves a particularly popular event with 10,000 youngsters marching, all in costume.

The rodeo in the afternoon and night parade in the evening will be topped off by the costume street dance, billed as the world's largest costume ball, and the regatta ball at the El Jardin Hotel.

Charro Days will come to an end Sunday with considerable activity in Metamoros, and the speedboat regatta in Brownsville.

Townsend Fish Fry Is Again Postponed

PORIS ISABEL—For the second time in as many weeks, the cold wave has postponed the Valley-wide Townsend fish fry's indefinitely.

James C. Bunting, president of the Poris Isabel Townsend club, announced Friday that the Sunday fish fry to have been sponsored by the club, has been postponed indefinitely.

Weslaco's Championship Band At Fair



Here is Weslaco's proudest contribution to the Valley Mid-Winter Fair, the Weslaco high school band. This fine, 81-piece championship organization has won numerous honors in band competition during the past several years, and Sunday afternoon will be featured in concert to be given in the Harlingen municipal auditorium. William Krauledat is director of the band.

STATE CHAMP BAND CONCERT

Weslaco Unit Plays At Fair Today

HARLINGEN—Weslaco's champion high school band, directed by William Krauledat, will be presented in concert at 3:30 p. m. this Sunday at the municipal auditorium as a feature of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair.

Such reduction would cut the

Cameron Valuations Cut To Be Asked

Weslaco Unit Plays At Fair Today

BROWNSVILLE—Ralph T. Agar, Cameron county tax assessor-collector, said Saturday he will recommend to county commissioners a reduction of 25 per cent in valuations on the county's real estate, on acreage and on city lots, not on improvements—for 1940.

A reduction would cut the county's total valuations about \$3,000,000, to approximately \$27,000,000, he estimated.

At the same time he pointed out "a reduction in values will only result in an increase in tax rates, as all districts are compelled to service their bonds."

"I doubt seriously whether an increase in personal property assessments could be made to offset the reduction without seriously affecting the collection of tax on the personal property," he said.

A reduction of the valuation on real estate he considers necessary to assess the property at its cash market value, which he recommends "and I am requesting the taxpayers to render their property that way."

Mr. Agar recommends also that tax suits be filed against all disinterested taxpayers. "By disinterested I mean those who have not interviewed me, paid their current tax and made satisfactory arrangement to pay their delinquent tax."

The judgment represented foreclosure on a chattel mortgage and deed of trust and gives the school district title to property in Nueces County near Corpus Christi, a lot in Hollywood, Calif., and other holdings of the defendant at Barstow, Texas, and in Edinburg.

The suit here was the second the school district has filed against Pearson, well-known contractor who at one time figured prominently in Hidalgo construction activity. The first was settled February 1, 1934, in district court of Harris county when the district was given a note for \$50,000 by Pearson, secured by the property listed in the local judgment. Failing to receive payment on the note, the district instituted the second suit in 93rd District Court here last November.

ALLOWABLES PROTEST

DALLAS—(AP)—H. P. Nichols, executive vice-president of the East Texas Oil Association, said Saturday East Texans would meet here next Friday to protest East Texas oil allowables and shutdowns.

STOLEN GADGET

UPS PHYSICIAN'S BLOOD PRESSURE

HARLINGEN—Police and Dr. N. A. Davidson Saturday night speculated on the identity of a thief who took the physician's medical bag from his car in front of the house at 301 West Buchanan about 7 p. m.

DEATH IS SUICIDE

HOUSTON, Tex.—(AP)—A verdict of suicide was returned by Justice Ben Moorhead in the death of W. F. Hancock, about 50, who was found shot to death Saturday in a hotel room here.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Kreidler Funeral Home.

BURN VICTIM DIES

LAST RITES HELD AT EDINBURG CHURCH

EDINBURG—Anita Pareida, 15, died at 4 p. m. Friday from burns suffered when the gasoline she was using to light a fire exploded and burned 90 per cent of her body.

Death occurred at County-City Hospital, four hours after the explosion at the home of her parents.

Funeral services were held at the Edinburg Catholic Church Saturday morning. Surviving are her parents.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Kreidler Funeral Home.

PLenty OF BIG JUICY STEAKS



You've gotta admit there are lots of good big juicy steaks under that big hide stretched out there before you in the picture above. This big fellow is one of the fine fed beefs exhibited during the Valley Mid-Winter Fair, where auction for this type of stock was staged Saturday. Just further proof that Valley Valley can raise anything, including meat as good as you can find anywhere. And proof that Valley producers are finding feeder stock raising a profitable business. (Staff Photo.)

AUCTION AT FAIR TURNS 275 CATTLE

4-H And FFA Boys Get \$4800 For Work

(See Picture At Bottom Of Page)

HARLINGEN—Approximately 275 head of cattle ran through the auction ring at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair grounds Saturday morning and afternoon and a rough estimate by fair officials late Saturday night showed that approximately \$17,000 had been totalled in sales.

Forty-two head of the 4-H boys' and FFA boys' calves brought approximately \$4800.

More than 225 head of feeder cattle were sold, bringing over \$12,000.

Results of the 4-H and FFA division of the cattle sale were: Owner, buyer, price and purchaser listed in order:

Top baby calf owned by Aron and Harold Reynolds bought by the Southwestern Packing Company for the First National Bank of Harlingen for 20 cents per pound.

Aron and Harold Reynolds bought by Wm. O. McAllen for First National Bank of Brownsville for 18.5 cents per pound.

Billy Lowe, bought by Southwest Packing Company for 13.26 cents per pound.

Raymondville, bought for Oklahoma Grocery, Raymondville, for 12.50 cents by Tex Cecil.

Ross Johnson, Sebastian, bought by Alice Livestock Commission Company for 12.50 cents.

Jimmy Lowe, bought by South Texas Cotton Oil Company for 13 cents.

Jimmy Lowe, bought for Brenner's Market, Raymondville, for 11.76 cents per pound by Southwestern Packing Company.

Jimmy Lowe, bought by Reese-Wilson Hotel, Harlingen, for 12 cents by Southwestern Packing Company.

Jimmy Lowe, bought for Piggly Wiggly, Raymondville, for 12.50 cents by Henry Clegg.

Kenneth Morrow, Lyford, bought for Sherman Grocery, Harlingen, for 13.26 cents by Henry Clegg.

Kenneth Morrow, bought for Piggly Wiggly, Harlingen, for 12.78 cents by Henry Clegg.

Ross Johnson, bought for Haumann Packing Company, Brownsville, for 13 cents.

Aron and Harold Reynolds, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 12.50 cents.

Eugene Parks, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 12.50 cents.

Ross Johnson, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 10.50 cents.

Ross Johnson, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 11.75 cents.

Alvin Roberts, bought for McLendon's Grocery, Harlingen, for 11.75 cents.

Ross Johnson, bought for Haumann Packing Company for 11.75 cents by Henry Clegg.

Alvin Roberts, bought for Albert Schwartz, Mercedes, for 11.75 cents.

Kenneth Morrow, bought for Piggly Wiggly, Harlingen, for 11.25 cents by Henry Clegg.

Louis Oakes, Lyford, bought by Alice Livestock Commission Company for 12 cents.

Louis Oakes, bought for Edinburg Cotton Oil Mill for 11.75 cents.

Alvin Roberts, bought for Valley Morning Star for 10.50 cents by Charley Whitney.

Aron and Harold Reynolds, bought by Edinburg Mercantile, for 11.75 cents.

Kenneth Morrow, bought by W. T. Hodges for 12 cents.

Louis Oakes, bought for Brenner's Market for 10.75 cents by Haumann Packing Company.

Louis Oakes, bought for Mo-Fac Cafe, Weslaco, for 11.25 cents by Southwestern Packing Company.

Louis Oakes, bought for Stonevalley Jack, San Benito, for 10.50 cents by Albert Thornton.

Kenneth Morrow, bought by Broadway Cafe, Harlingen, for 11.75 cents.

Alvin Roberts, bought by Haumann Packing Company for 11.75 cents.

Ross Johnson, bought for Piggly Wiggly, Edinburg, for 10.50 cents by Henry Clegg.

Ross Williams, bought by Raymondville Cafeteria, for 11.75 cents.

Ross Williams, bought by Showden and Jones auction yards, for 10.50 cents.

Ross Johnson, bought by B. F. Dunlap, La Feria, for 11.50 cents.

Ray White, Dallas, bought by Woods Commission Co., for 11.50 cents.

Ray Cowart, San Benito, bought by Alice Commission Company, for 10 cents.

Carl Harbin, Edinburg, bought by Harlingen Cotton Oil Mill Company, for 10.75 cents.

Results of purchased cattle sales were:

Clifford Powers, Sinton, bought by J. A. Garcia and Daugherty for \$125.

T. S. Wallace, sold to Alice Sale Yards, for \$115.

W. T. Hodges, sold to W. F. Heifer, for \$140.

C. C. Conley, Raymondville, sold to O. D. Sevier, for \$52.60.

M. B. Vopak, Laredo, sold to T. S. Wallace, for \$100.

C. C. Conley, sold one registered cow and calf for \$80.

W. T. Hodges, sold to Lee Cramer of Hardin Ranch, one bull, for \$75.

Saturday night.

The model airplane contests will be held in front of the grandstand immediately after the midget auto races Sunday afternoon.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate several thousand automobiles parking inside the fairgrounds during the remainder of the grand fair, at both gates, Sidney Kring, fair manager, said late Saturday night.

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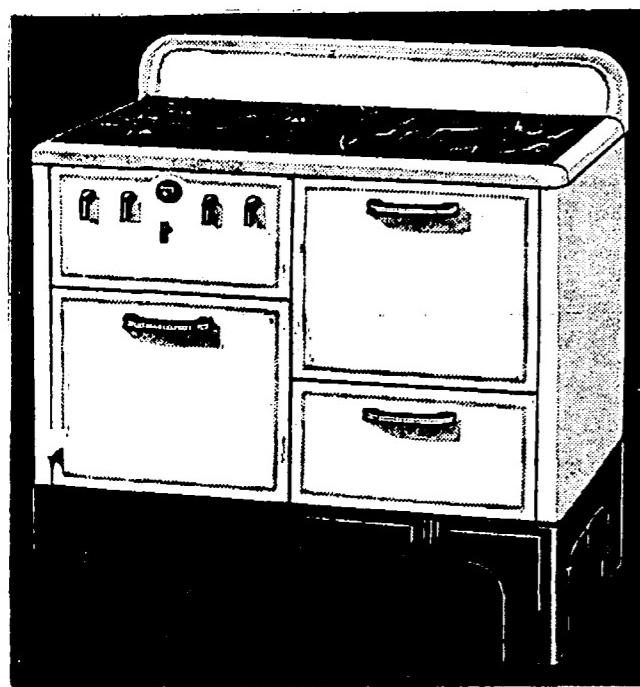
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HEARING SET IN DEATH OF FEDERAL MAN

2 Men Are Charged With Murder

EDINBURG — Preliminary hearings for Felipe Solis and Guillermo Vinicio, both charged with murder in the January 17 death of Patrol Inspector William L. Sills of the United States Border Patrol in Starr county, have been moved ahead to February 2, U. S. Commissioner H. V. Watts announced here Saturday.

Watts said the continuance of the hearing, originally scheduled for January 26, was granted after the defendants informed him they were still seeking counsel and the government's attorney at Houston asked more time in which to prepare its case.

Solis and Vinicio were taken into custody the night of January 17 after both Inspector Sills and Moises ("El Mocito") Alvarado were shot to death in a gun battle at a scene where three men were allegedly surprised by patrolmen in the act of smuggling goats across the Rio Grande. Alvarado was killed instantly, and Sills died en route to the McAllen hospital. Alvarado's body was later taken back across the river by friends, according to Chief Patrol Inspector Fletcher Rawls.

Solis and Vinicio are residents of La Grulla and, according to border patrol records, are American citizens. Alvarado was a Mexican citizen and was listed in patrol files as a bad man, deported at least once before by U. S. authorities.

The two defendants in the murder case are also charged with smuggling, on which they were granted bonds of \$1,000 each by Commissioner Watts several days ago. They are in custody at the federal jail at Brownsville. The murder cases are not bailable. Both charges were filed by Assistant U. S. Attorney George O'B. John of Houston.

Brothers Charged In Narcotics Case

NEW YORK — (P) — The 3 Neiditch brothers fell foul of the government Friday for the second time in a week—charged with being the "most powerful operators in narcotics traffic" uncovered by the federal narcotics bureau in 20 years.

The three—Harry, George and Charles—were indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate narcotics laws and released in \$1,500 bail each for a hearing February 13.

Relief Office Gets Transient Supplies

HARLINGEN — Mrs. Kurt Naumann of the Harlingen welfare office Saturday expressed appreciation for the response of citizens to the call for clothing for those placed in need by the cold weather. The local Red Cross chapter donated \$50 for emergency relief purposes. Mrs. Naumann said.

Negro Goes To Pen In Car Murder Case

CORSICANA — (P) — Willie Scourten, Malakoff negro, was found guilty of murder and given two years in the penitentiary by a jury here Saturday night.

He was tried in connection with the death of Mrs. Crump Huff of Longview, fatally injured in an automobile collision here last July.

This Group Certain To Be Treated Well

HOUSTON — (P) — The government of Guatemala Saturday instructed its local consul, T. L. Evans, to show every courtesy to the Latin-American aerial tour party leaving here Saturday night.

The instructions no doubt will be followed. Evans happens to be manager of the tour.

FISH FRY POSTPONED

PORIS ISABEL — The Townsend Club fish fry scheduled here this week Friday had been postponed indefinitely. James C. Bunting, president, announced. He said the supper would be announced later.

CHARRO BUG BITES BEAUTIES



Weslaco Proves City Ownership Of Waterworks Can Be Made Profitable By Efficient Operation

Profit Is Shown By Manager In New Reports

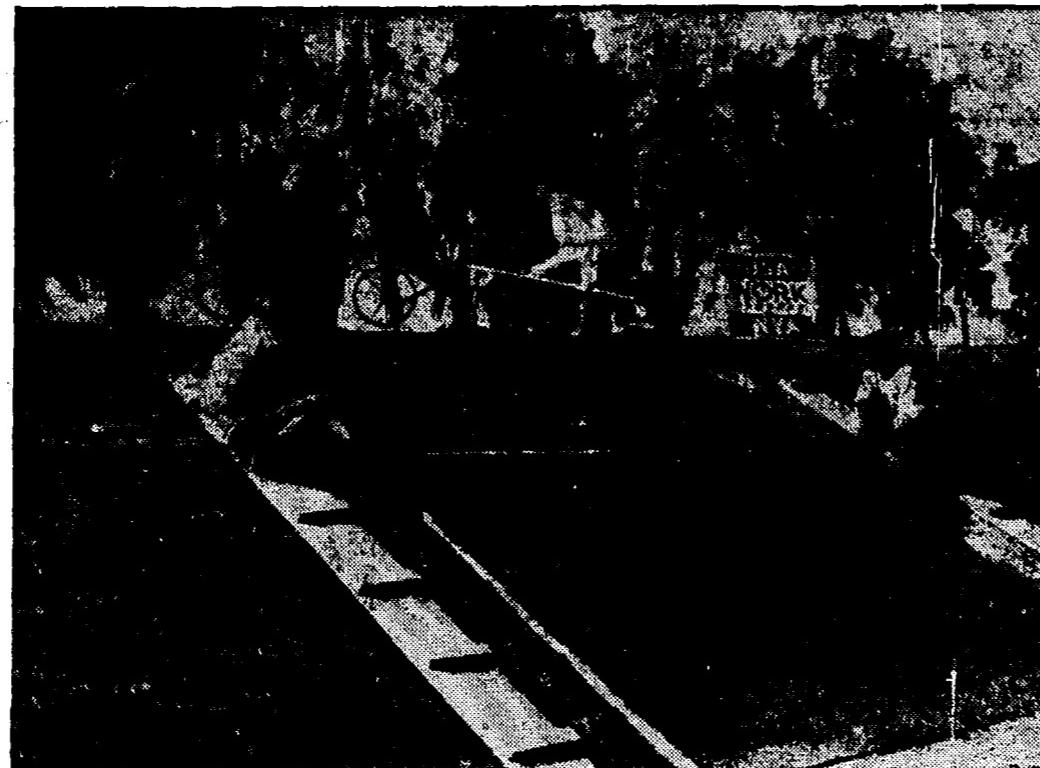
By BRAD SMITH

WESLACO — Proving that municipal ownership and operation of water system can be made financial success, and in addition, help a municipality shoulder some of its other financial burdens, Weslaco city officials have just released the annual report on the Weslaco waterworks system for 1939.

City Secretary Virgin Thompson has presented the annual report to the city commission which shows that the system sold \$38,063.82 worth of water during the past year and that the cost of operating the system was considerably below that figure. Thus was provided a "nice profit," Thompson stated. The figure quoted was the gross revenue for the past year. It showed an increase of \$1,543.80, or slightly more than 4 per cent over 1938. Weslaco citizens used 120,000,000 gallons of water in 1939, or at least, the city bought that many gallons from Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 9. Of course, some of the water was used by the fire department, for operation of the municipal sewage disposal system and for other municipal uses.

Rate About Same

Weslaco's city water rate to consumers is about the same as that charged in other Valley cities. The regular minimum rate provides 4,000 gallons for \$2, the minimum bill for any consumer. The city also offers a special "sprinkler rate," however, in order to provide ample water at a low enough rate to encourage property owners to maintain their premises in an attractive way by growing grass, shrubs and flowers. This rate provides 10,000 gallons of water for a minimum charge of \$3, plus 15 cents per 1,000 gallons in excess of 10,000 gallons. About half of Weslaco's 1,000 water customers use the "sprinkler rate."



NYA workers pouring concrete on the \$8,000 Dunbar filter bed now being constructed for the Weslaco municipal waterworks and sewage system. The filter bed will add 6,000 square feet of treating space at the Weslaco sewage disposal plant and will provide adequate facilities for Weslaco's increasing population.

The waterworks system in Weslaco, in addition to paying for itself, is also paying for the city's sanitary sewer system and provides a little money for general fund uses. From each \$2 minimum monthly water charge collected, the city deducts 50 cents to provide an interest and sinking fund for retiring outstanding sewer system bonds and for operating the sewage disposal system. No charge for sewer service is made by the city. There are now only \$35,000 in bonds outstanding against the sewer system and the issue matures in 1949. The city anticipates no difficulty in meeting these maturities. The city values its sewage disposal plant at \$31,372 and its sewer and drainage system at \$30,000 for total sewage system investment of \$61,372. A new Dunbar filter bed is now being installed at the disposal plant which will greatly increase the capacity of the plant in anticipation of Weslaco's future needs. This project, jointly financed by the city and the National Youth Administration, calls for a \$6,000 expenditure by the NYA and \$1,700 by the city. It will provide 6,000 additional square feet of space for final treatment of sewage before disposal.

Weslaco's waterworks system is carried on city books at a value of \$152,000, with the city filtration plant valued at \$41,486, for a total investment of \$193,486. Leo Pettit is superintendent of the waterworks system, which employs six to ten persons regularly in maintenance work. The system is operated under supervision of the Texas Department of Health and Weslaco water is inspected and tested regularly by that department. Its monthly reports have been invariably good, Pettit stated.

Former Valley Resident Dies At Age Of 105 Years

MCALLEN — Mrs. Susan Rebecca Dent Taylor, 105 years of age and a familiar figure in McAllen for a decade, died Saturday morning at San Antonio at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Seymour Taylor, according to information received here.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Kreidler Chapel in McAllen with Rev. Henry W. Shirley, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment will take place at Rose Lawn cemetery here with A. T. Ray, W. T. Gartman, F. B. Webb, T. W. Kelly, George T. Murray and T. W. Worley serving as pallbearers.

Mrs. Taylor—known to one and all of her many acquaintances simply as "Grandma" Taylor—made her home here for eight or ten years before moving to San Antonio several years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Taylor of San Antonio, and Mrs. C. W. Porter, Monticello, Ark.; two granddaughters, a grandson; and a niece, Mrs. M. L. Brady of McAllen.

Mrs. Taylor always attributed her long life to clean living habits. She was unusually active, celebrating one of her recent birthdays in San Antonio by taking an airplane ride. Her advanced age made her eligible for innumerable stories in the San Antonio papers, and her picture was familiar to readers from San Antonio to the Valley.

She was a member of the Baptist church for years, and members of the local congregation recalled that she was one of two persons ever honored by being allowed a place in a rocking chair in the aisle alongside the pews at the church auditorium. She never occupied a regular seat but always used the rocker. The other elderly member who won similar attention was the late Dr. Granger Wheaton Smith, pastor of the church and later pastor emeritus.

Gospel songs from Edward McHugh, to be heard over a national hookup Sunday, had been dedicated to Mrs. Taylor. McHugh, the Gospel Singer, dedicated songs last year in honor of Mrs. Taylor's 104 anniversary.

Nazis Warn Against Allied Broadcasts

BERLIN — (P) — The Berlin radio issued a stern warning Saturday night, reminding Germans of the ban against listening to foreign broadcasts and citing cases of violators sentenced to long jail terms.

One Man Is Injured In Saturday Mishap

MATAMOROS, Tamps.—Benito Vega, Matamoros, was in Civil Hospital Saturday night, attacked by a man in a not serious condition, after he was struck by an auto driven by Anastacio G. Garcia, Brownsville, near the Juarez Market.

Police Lieutenant Erasmo Blanco said Garcia told him he made every effort to avoid hitting the aged man, who apparently stepped off a curb into the path of the auto. Special Investigator Jose Castro held an investigation, holding Garcia temporarily.

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GROUP HONORS KIWANIS DATE

Rev. Smith Addresses Club At Pharr

PHARR — Pharr Kiwanians celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of Kiwanis International with an outstanding program Thursday which was attended by 31 members and 20 guests.

Principal speaker was Rev. J. Beatty Smith of San Juan who spoke on the Kiwanis International theme for 1940, "Citizenship—Responsibility—the Price of Liberty." To uphold liberty, he listed three things—the ballot, individual service, and international leadership by America.

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Mrs. Taylor always attributed her long life to clean living habits. She was unusually active, celebrating one of her recent birthdays in San Antonio by taking an airplane ride. Her advanced age made her eligible for innumerable stories in the San Antonio papers, and her picture was familiar to readers from San Antonio to the Valley.

She was a member of the Baptist church for years, and members of the local congregation recalled that she was one of two persons ever honored by being allowed a place in a rocking chair in the aisle alongside the pews at the church auditorium. She never occupied a regular seat but always used the rocker. The other elderly member who won similar attention was the late Dr. Granger Wheaton Smith, pastor of the church and later pastor emeritus.

Gospel songs from Edward McHugh, to be heard over a national hookup Sunday, had been dedicated to Mrs. Taylor. McHugh, the Gospel Singer, dedicated songs last year in honor of Mrs. Taylor's 104 anniversary.

Wheeler Speaks To United Miners Meet

WASHINGTON — (P) — Senator Wheeler of Montana, about the only democratic candidate who is not on

the John L. Lewis scratch list, spoke to the United Mine Workers in the spirit and used many of the words of Lewis.

Japs Say Will Not Yield To Threats'

TOKYO — (P) — Determination that Japan "never will yield to threats" from abroad appeared Saturday as the first reaction to termination by the United States of the 1911 treaty governing trade between the two countries.

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JAPS SEEKING MEXICO TRADE

Pact Expiration Leads To New Drive

MEXICO CITY — (P) — Reliable sources Saturday reported that expiration of the Japanese-United States commercial treaty already has resulted in an intensive drive by Japan to expand her trade with Mexico—particularly in oil.

Japan now obtains most of the oil needed to run her vast industrial and war machines from California wells but was said to be making preparations to obtain Mexican oil in case of a United States embargo.

Iron Explored

A secondary consideration, these sources said, was the exploitation of Mexico's iron resources.

Mexico, holding nearly 18,000,000 barrels of the far unsaleable oil and willing to negotiate a barter pact, has been receptive to Japanese representatives now here.

One responsible government official asserted:

"We would do business with the devil if he wanted oil and could pay for it."

Get Oil Permits

Japanese delegations, well informed quarters indicated, have obtained new oil well drilling permits.

Informed foreign sources said the Japanese also were studying means of assisting the Mexican government in dredging Salina, Cruz, Pacific coast port, and improving petroleum storage facilities there. At present, it is almost impossible to ship Mexican oil from a Pacific coast port.

Sen. Wheeler Backed By United Mine Men

COLUMBUS, O. — (P) — Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Montana democrat, generally was credited Saturday by political observers with having the United Mine Workers of America's 600,000 members back of him for a presidential nomination if Franklin D. Roosevelt decides to forego a third-term bid.

Three Are Trapped In Illinois Blaze

MACOMB, Ill. — (P) — A young woman and three children buried to death Saturday in a fire that destroyed their home as they slept.

The victims were Mrs. Olive Wishon, 22, a divorcee; her daughter, Connie Roberta, 2; her son, Junior Duane, 9 months, and her sister, Oledia Shilps, 8.

Weslaco IOOF Unit Holds Installation

WESLACO — Weslaco Odd Fellows held the regular installation service Tuesday night in the I. O. O. F. hall, with District Deputy Grand Master F. M. Cooper of Donna as the installing officer.

Members selected to serve for the new term were S. L. Owen, noble grand, and supporters A. A. Snethen and W. W. Ludwig; vice grand, Lester Tisdale and supporters, Dr. Heller and Jack Gallion; E. I. Emmons, recording secretary; A. F. Smith, financial secretary; J. B. Funk, treasurer; J. D. Brixley, warden; H. C. Barber, conductor; Eddie Henricksen, chaplain; H. Hudson, inside guard; Ben Guess, outside guard; Lawrence Ferking, past noble grand.

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Townsend Says Gold Purchases 'Screwy'

WILMINGTON, Del. — (P) — There is "something screwy" about the United States buying bullion from Russia and Japan while trying to help Finland and China, U. S. Senator John G. Townsend, Jr., (R-Del.), declared Saturday.

Cooper Fire Damage More Than \$50,000

COOPER, Texas — (P) — Damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was caused here Friday night by a fire that swept through the Wilson grocery and the Dobson and Company dry goods and cloth store.

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DO YOU KNOW?

THAT a TOMATO is a fruit? Most people associate the tomato with a vegetable but it is really a fruit and that's a fact.

THAT the VALLEY should be proud of their TOURISTS for the cooperation that they give on the FAIR. That it isn't often that you will see the spirit and zest shown by these people as was shown in the PARADE this week. Let me say here and now GOD BLESS 'EM for being GOOD folks.

THAT when you visit HARLINGEN drop into the stores and let them show you what they have to offer. You are always welcome and we all love to visit with each other even on these COOL days.

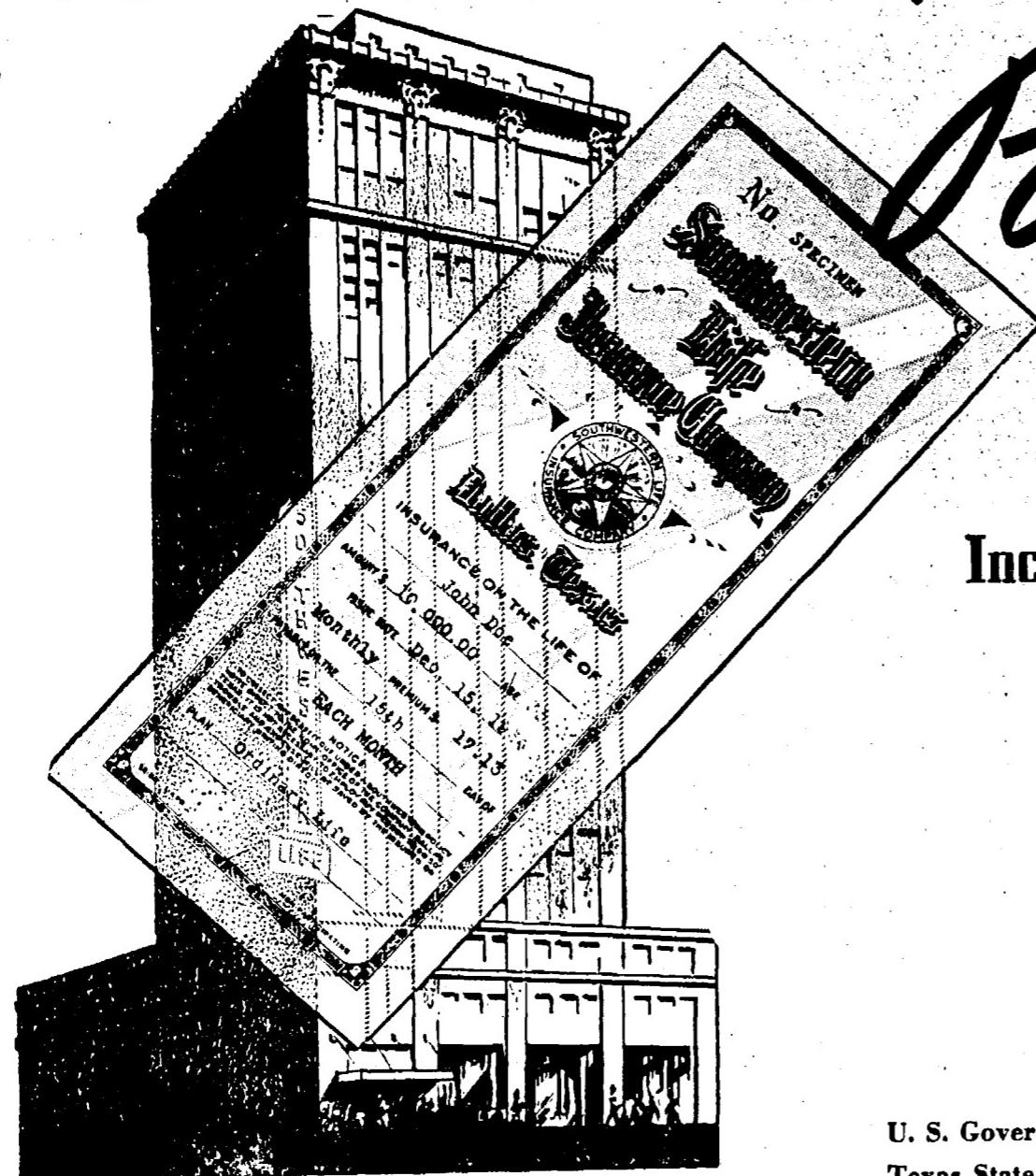
THAT if you can't find what you want at your local store, you CAN find it in Harlingen.

THAT this DO YOU KNOW feature is sponsored by the Merchants Committee of the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce? That's right, and suggestions of odd facts will be appreciated.

WHY DID 4,061 ENGINEERS BUY DODGE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?



It's the Company behind the Policy that Counts



Check These Facts—

- ✓ Southwestern Life has never had a default in payment of principal or interest on any bond owned by it. Market value of bonds December 31, 1939, exceeded by \$2,695,276 the book value used in the balance sheet.
- ✓ All Southwestern Life policies are registered by the State Insurance Commission. Southwestern Life now has on deposit with the State of Texas \$44,237,067 to guarantee the fulfillment of its contracts.
- ✓ Beneficiaries and policyowners have the right to leave policy proceeds with the Company under various attractive options. The Company guarantees 3½% interest on the deferred installments. During 1940 surplus interest of ½% will also be paid; making a total of 4% return on these installments.
- ✓ Since organization in 1903, Southwestern Life has paid to policyowners and beneficiaries \$65,862,066.24.

Measure Southwestern Life's
Increase in Financial Strength During 1939
by Comparing the Two Columns
of Figures Below—

Statement of Condition

(Unpaid Premiums Not Included)

ASSETS

	December 31	December 31
	1938	1939
U. S. Government Bonds	\$12,369,768.05	\$10,756,292.93
Texas State, County and Municipal Bonds	14,296,401.34	14,568,579.00
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds	2,711,302.32	3,480,366.30
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate	12,820,349.85	18,048,008.29
Home Office Building	1,475,000.00	1,450,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,498,290.95	1,496,777.52
Stocks	399,652.25	576,928.00
Cash	1,375,738.84	1,657,303.53
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance	114,940.00	128,962.00
Interest on Investments Accrued But Not Yet Due	664,775.64	683,310.76
Unpaid Mortgage Interest	60,137.78	103,909.88
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	13,413,942.51	14,238,782.22
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	\$61,200,299.53	\$67,189,220.43

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves	\$52,129,249.08	\$57,804,399.47
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	1,103,352.09	1,090,664.20
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	357,123.57	454,156.76
Total Liabilities	\$53,589,724.74	\$59,349,220.43
Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyholders:		
Capital Stock	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Surplus	3,610,574.79	3,840,000.00
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More Than 150,000 Texas Citizens Own \$360,768,441 Life Insurance in the Company
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William G. Baker, Harlingen	G. E. Ely, McAllen	I. A. Patton, McAllen	Mrs. Marie S. Mahone, McAllen
O. E. Cannon, Mission	E. C. Couch, Pharr		A. C. La Duke, Weslaco

Valley Scout Leaders Map Plans For 1940 Activities, Funds Campaign

BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR IS VOTED UPON

Goal Is To Triple Enrollment Here

MERCEDES—Plans to triple Boy Scout enrollment in the Rio Grande Valley, to double the number of troops to expand activities and to launch the annual campaign for funds on Feb. 12, were mapped by officials meeting at the City Hall here this week.

Twenty men, representing every Valley community, voted to adopt a budget of \$14,705.12, a figure determined after two months of study and surveys by committees in various cities. The executive board approved the budget and plans for the funds drive were turned over to the finance committee.

Must Train Youth

"America must not let her youth remain untrained and subject to propaganda by foreign nations," said Scout Executive A. H. Dreyer. Mercedes, head of scouting in the four Valley counties. "We must give our boys an outlet for their natural enthusiasms, and must train them along democratic principles. If we don't, you may rest assured those promoting various isms will attempt to capture their beliefs."

Total number of Valley boys enrolled in scouting at present is only 1,300. There are 54 units or troops, composed of from two to five patrols each. The 1940 objective is to add 41 units.

A survey this fall revealed at least 2,000 boys of scouting age who would like to join, but who haven't been approached. A further survey is now being made to gain a more accurate figure.

Bennet Presides

The Mercedes meeting was presided over by E. C. Bennet of Harlingen, campaign chairman. Those present included Mr. Bennet, Mr. Dreyer, Keith McNamee, Valley-wide chairman, and the following district leaders:

District 1, Brownsville, Jack Welch, Thruwan Kruger and Matewen Lynn; District 2, San Benito, Morgan Finley; District 3, La Feria, Ralph Smith, Perry Bond, and Ben Woods; District 4, Mercedes, J. H. Davis and Gene Brown; District 7, Weslaco, Don Ransom and Frank White; District 11, McAllen, Dick Harris and Ernest Polzin; District 12, Mission, E. R. Williams, Lloyd Ramey and E. E. Marburger.

Norwegian Princess Calls On All Women

OSLO, Norway—(AP)—Crown Princess Martha appealed to Norwegian women in a broadcast Friday night to prepare as much as possible to take over men's work in the event of national mobilization or war.

FOLSOMS VISIT MEXICO
McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Folsom returned Friday night after a two weeks' trip to Mexico City.

Garner Says Lewis' Opposition Is The Best Political Asset He Has, And He Is Sorry The CIO Leader Flayed FDR

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Vice-President Garner told friends Saturday that "John L. Lewis' opposition is the best political asset I have."

That was described authoritatively as the vice president's

LABOR VOTE RULES-LEWIS

Warns Democrats Not To Be 'Stupid'

(Garner's reply, adjoining column)

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—John L. Lewis bluntly advised the Democratic party's leadership Saturday that any hope of victory in November without labor's help was "the depth of stupidity."

The CIO chieftain, who has suggested the Democrats join forces with labor for the 1940 presidential campaign, warned it was "fatal strategy" for the party leaders to believe that his followers had "no place to go."

While practically eliminating the Republican party as a haven because of its frankly hostile attitude, Lewis declined to suggest an alternative.

He avoided committing himself on presidential possibilities at a press conference, which followed a week's sessions of the United Mine Workers fraught with political implications.

"I have no candidate as yet," he said.

The most important question, he said, was not who will be nominated for president, but what the Democratic party proposes to do for the country.

Committee Critical Of Loan Insurance

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A proposal that the Farm Security Administration insure \$350,000,000 worth of tenant farm-purchasing loans drew fire from members of the House agriculture committee at a hearing Thursday.

Tip o' Texas Topics



No paved road leads to the Xochicalco pyramids off the Cuernavaca-Taxco highway and it can be reached only after a 15-minute climb up a hill. It is well worth seeing, however

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By HARRY FOEHRER

We'll just go into our song and dance about Mexico again with further ado, taking up just about where we left off a week ago with our odd and sundry notes jotted down on a trip through the Southern Republic.

Those who have heard about the famous thieves' market in Mexico City where valuable trinkets could be bought for song, will be disappointed as we were to learn that it is no more.

Also missing are the jai alai games or pelota played on courts called frontons. They have been banned because gambling was an integral part of the sport, even more so than with American horse racing, betting taking place point by point with the odds changing every minute. Played mostly by imported Cubans, it was reputedly the fastest athletic sport in the world.

Bullfighting still goes on unabated and the latest sensation was a girl bullfighter from Peru.

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VALLEY SUNDAY STAR-MONITOR-HERALD

The Flint Comes Home

Captain Says Crew Wanted To Fight It Out With Nazis, But He Restrained Them

BALTIMORE—(P)—The weather-beaten American freighter City of Flint, once seized by a German crew and re-dubbed the "Alt," came home from her wartime adventure Saturday, her own name in bold, box-car letters on her sides and the stars and stripes whipping from her staff.

From her 40 crewmen and Captain J. A. Gainard came stories of international entanglement with Nazis, Russians, Englishmen and Norwegians; of warship searchlights stabbing at her across cold northern waters; of facing quickly uncovered

Russian guns as she attempted to leave Murmansk; and of a threatened shipboard fight.

Crew Is Praised

The thin, soft-spoken skipper had nothing but praise for his crew, back home for the first time in 13 days. They were freed by the Norwegian government which ruled the Germans stopped illegally in neutral port.

"Only once did the crew want to go to work on a German, and that was when I restrained them," Gainard said. He didn't divulge details, but a crewman said the threatened fight was at Tromsø, Norway.

Then the Americans decided to "have it out" with the Nazi crew. Why the Germans stopped in Norwegian waters while attempting to run the British blockade to Germany was not explained. One German story had said the battered boat needed repairs; another that an ill seaman needed treatment.

Denler Ship Damaged

"These engines were in perfect shape, and still are," asserted Chief Engineer William H. Logan. "The only time they stopped was when the Germans wanted them to."

The only injured or ill seaman, said first officer Warren W. Rhoads, York, Pa., was Alton Sellers who "had barked his shins."

SALES BOOM IN INSURANCE

Southwestern Reports On 1939 Total

DALLAS—With a gain of \$18,151,113 for the year, Southwestern Life Insurance Company now has a total of \$360,768,441 insurance in force, according to C. F. O'Donnell, pres-

ident.

Announcement of the continued progress of this Texas institution is contained in the Company's 37th annual financial statement, just re-

ceived here by the following rep-

resentatives of Southwestern Life

in the Valley: William C. Baker,

Harlingen; G. E. Ely, Mrs. Marie S. Mahone, I. A. Patton, McAllen; O. E. Cannon, Mission; E. C. Couch, Pharr; A. C. LaDuke, Weslaco.

Numerous items in the annual statement reflect the strength of Southwestern Life.

Assets are \$67,189,220.43, repre-

senting an increase of \$5,988,920.00

for the year. This is the largest gain in the company's history.

The company continued its en-

able record of never having had a default of either interest or prin-

cipal on any bond owned by it.

In releasing the annual statement, Mr. O'Donnell called attention to a recent rule prohibiting the re-use of containers for citrus fruits.

The injunction will permit F. C. W. Kramer, Jr., local citrus packer, to resume the use of burlap bags he has been utilized for packing grapefruit, oranges and tangerines.

Kramer bought several thousand burlap bags, more expensive than the kind usually used for citrus, and used them over and over again taking fruit to his own retail stores in Ohio. The commission order would have halted this practice per-

manently so Kramer sought a restraining order.

U. S. Building Gains 34 Percent In 1939

WASHINGTON—(P)—The labor department reported Saturday that building permits for new residential construction in 1939 amounted to 34 per cent more than in 1938.

Permits for all types of construction were 20 per cent over the 1938 total.

Bullets Keep Unity In British Hospital

LONDON—(P)—Unity Freeman-Mitford, British friend of Adolf Hitler, Saturday was disclosed to be in Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford and was reported suffering from two bullet wounds in the head, one of which had injured her brain.

Doctors were said to have been amazed that she had been able to complete the journey from Munich, Germany, to England. She arrived at the home of her father, Lord Redesdale, January 4.

Nazi Guns Silence French Line Radios

BERLIN—(P)—German artillery silenced loudspeakers in the French lines at Altenheim on the western front, DNB, official German news agency, said Saturday, because derogatory remarks about Adolf Hitler were broadcast.

DNB said the Germans first

warned the French to stop the broadcasts; then fired.

Fielding Is Named SP Freight Manager

HARLINGEN—J. L. Fielding, San Francisco, has been appointed assistant freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Company in Texas and Louisiana, effective February 1, according to F. L. Gordon, freight traffic manager.

Fielding will have headquarters in Houston. He has been with the Southern Pacific since 1920.

SIX HUNDRED DANCE

WACO, Tex.—(P)—Six hundred couples were expected to attend the Roosevelt birthday ball here Saturday night.

Lillie's Box Score

Valley Rain Eludes Famous Rain-Maker

HARLINGEN—Miss Lillie Stote, Oxford, Miss., came to the Valley Monday, January 22, promised to bring rain and end the long drought. She has been sitting on the banks of the Fair Park canal daily, predicting it will rain yet. The weather reading for the period in which she has been rain-making is as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Rain.	Sky
Monday	35	30	Trace	Cloudy
Tuesday	38	24	0.00	Clear
Wednesday	54	23	0.05	Clear
Thursday	64	36	0.00	Cloudy
Friday	38	32	0.01	Cloudy
Saturday	38	31	0.00	Cloudy

MASONS PLAN VALLEY MEET

Edinburg Host Is To State Chiefs

EDINBURG—Information recently received from every section of the state indicates that one of the largest and most interesting Masonic meetings ever held in South Texas will be held here at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, February 7, it was announced Saturday by H. G. Ferguson, worshipful master of the Edinburg Masonic Lodge.

Ferguson stated that every elective grand lodge officer of the grand lodge of Texas, including the Honorable Leo Hart, grand master, would be present at the meeting, which will be held in honor of Rogers Kelley, of Edinburg, recently elected grand junior warden of the grand lodge of Texas.

Valley Co-operators

Ferguson stated that all the lodges in the Valley are joining Edinburg in an effort to make this one of the most outstanding Masonic meetings ever held in this section.

Hart, together with Sam B. Canney, Jr., deputy grand master; Dr. E. M. Wood, grand senior warden, and George H. Belew, grand secretary, will arrive in the Valley on Monday, February 5. A Valley-wide entertainment committee has been appointed to take charge of these noted and distinguished Masonic visitors, and they will be entertained throughout the entire Valley, according to Wm. J. Burris, of McAllen, district deputy grand master of the Fortieth Masonic District.

Part of the program will consist of attending regular meetings of the Rio Grande City and the Brownsville lodges, which are two of the oldest lodges in South Texas. A Master Masons degree will be conferred in Matamoros by Aurora Borealis Lodge No. 14 of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, on Tuesday afternoon, February 6, for the benefit of Grand Master Hart and other grand officers of the Texas Grand Lodge.

Honorable Ezequiel Hernandez, of Tampico, grand master of the grand lodge of Tamaulipas, is expected to confer the degree. He and other dignitaries of the grand lodge of Tamaulipas will also be honor guests at the Edinburg meeting.

Visitors Invited

Both Ferguson and Burris announced that visiting Masons were especially invited to the Edinburg meeting on the 7th, and that a free buffet supper would be served at the high school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. on that evening.

Weather

THE VALLEY: Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday; Monday partly cloudy, warmer. Gentle variable winds, becoming southerly Sunday night.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday; Monday partly cloudy, warmer in east and south portions. Gentle variable winds on the coast, becoming southerly Sunday night.

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO: Fair with some high cloudiness Sunday and Monday. Colder north portion Monday.

WEST TEXAS: Fair with high cloudiness west and north portions Sunday and Monday. Rain southeast portion Sunday night. Colder north portion Monday.

OKLAHOMA: Fair Sunday and Monday, warmer central and east portion Sunday and extreme east Monday.

The Tides

The tides for Sunday: High tide at 5:17 a.m. and 8:28 p.m. Low tide at 11:51 a.m. and 6:28 p.m.

The tabular data is for the 24 hours ending at 7:00 a.m. Saturday.

STATIONS

Highest Lowest Precipitation last 24 hours night (inches)

Arlington 28

Abilene 22

Amarillo 25

Atlanta 18

Austin 35

Brownsville 26

Chicago 14

Cincinnati 14

Cleveland 15

Corpus Christi 37

Dallas 32

El Paso 41

Dodge City 16

Ft. Worth 47

Houston 14

Huron 5

Jacksonville 42

Kansas City 30

Los Angeles 70

Memphis 20

Mobile-St. P. 9

New Orleans 31

Norfolk 26

North Platte 16

Oklahoma City 23

Palo Alto 28

Phoenix 21

St. Louis 13

Salt Lake City 47

San Antonio 36

Seattle 20

Shreveport 20

Tampa 45

Vicksburg 25

Washington 20

Williston 11

Winnipeg 32

Winnipeg 48

Yuma 33

FRUIT STATIONS

Highest Lowest Precipitation last 24 hours night (inches)

TEXAS—Brownsville 39

Corrillo Springs 38

Falfurrias 36

Harlingen 36

Hidalgo 38

Mission 26

FLORIDA—Bartow 50

Belle Glade 54

Boca Raton 55

Fort Myers 52

Gainesville 42

Hastings 45

Orlando 50

COUNTY SEEKS STATE AID ON HIDALGO ROAD

Project Stalemated,
Aldrich Reports

EDINBURG—The proposal to secure state designation and thereby state maintenance of the nine-mile county highway from McAllen to Hidalgo is stalemated, County Judge Oliver C. Aldrich said Saturday.

The plan has been presented to the state highway commission on several occasions, he said, but at no time has the board given any indication it will consider such a move. The state has already designated Highway 66 south from Edinburg to Pharr, and south of the latter city to Hidalgo, as a state route. A number of McAllen leaders have proposed the McAllen-Hidalgo road's designation as a means of providing modern traffic facilities for Mexico-bound travelers.

Necessity of building two new bridges across the Rio Grande floodways south of McAllen is one factor holding up or preventing state designation, the county judge said he believes. The county at present is spending money regularly for maintenance of the present structures and repairs on the road, he explained.

"I have heard some talk of a toll-free bridge between Hidalgo and Reynosa," said the judge, "and I believe it is a good plan. What affect that would have on the state's designation of the McAllen-Hidalgo road, however, is unknown to me."

The nine-mile route from McAllen, one of South Texas' biggest winter tourist centers, to Hidalgo is known as the "Nickel-Plated Highway to Hell," an appellation applied by Owen P. White, writer for Collier's magazine a number of years ago, in an article dealing with early-day political corruption in the county when a large number of paved roads were constructed.

Another major road need in the county, the judge observed, is a paved route leading from Harrell to the county seat. The Harrell district has no modern traffic outlet toward the center of the county, he said, and as a result Hidalgo communities are losing much of the trade which has gone to Willacy county from the Harrell region.

Children's Author Drowns In Bathtub

NEW YORK—(P)—Jeanette Ramsey, author of children's books, was found drowned Saturday in her bathtub overflowing with scalding water. Police said she apparently had fainted.

OBITUARY

F. H. DAVIS

BROWNSVILLE — The body of Frederick Henry Davis, 73, who died at 1:10 p.m. Saturday at Mercy Hospital, will be forwarded to Nebraska Sunday or Monday, by Hinckley Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis, a farmer, resided about five miles east of Brownsville on the Port road.

Among survivors is the wife Mrs. Ida M. Davis.

MRS. G. W. PERRY

BROWNSVILLE—Funeral services were held Saturday at 4:30 p.m. for Mrs. George W. Perry, 38, tourist from Milwaukee, Wis., who died Wednesday afternoon at a tourist courts here.

Services were at the Darling Funeral Home chapel with Rev. R. O. Mackintosh officiating. Interment was in Buena Vista cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and three children.

MRS. M. J. F. CASAS

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Maria del Jesus F. Casas, 61, who died Friday at her San Benito residence, will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Darling Funeral Home chapel here.

Interment will be in the city cemetery under the direction of Garza Funeral Home.

Mrs. Casas was a member of the Gardenia Grove, Harlingen, the Woodmen's Circle, for many years.

Survivors are a son, Juan Casas, and a sister, Mrs. Paulita Flores, both of San Benito.

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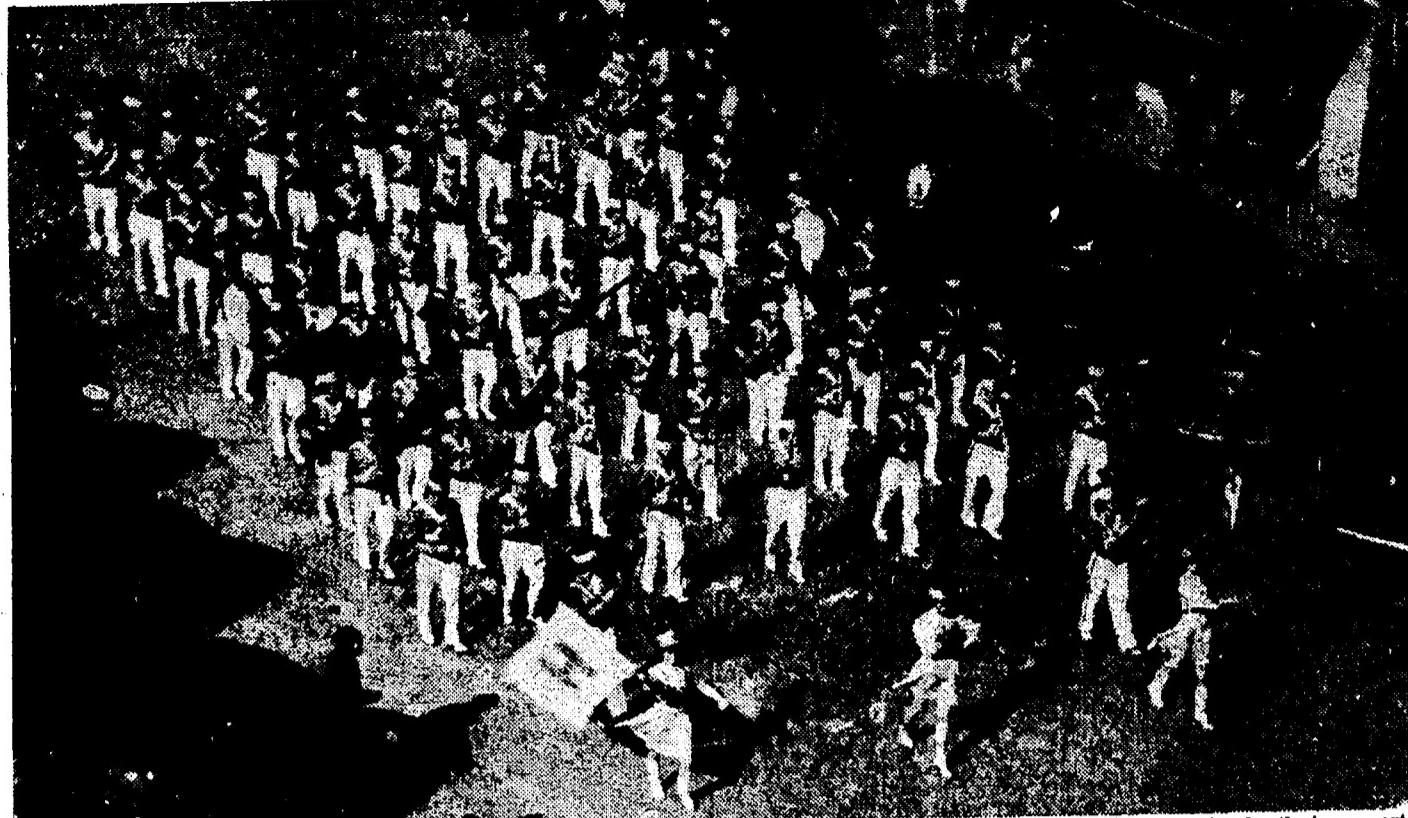
BROWNSVILLE—Robert B. Ernst, manager of the J. C. Penney store here, Saturday was reported improving at Mercy Hospital, after an operation.

OLD CHURCH MOVED, NEW ONE IS DUE



This photo of the old frame building housing the First Presbyterian Church of Harlingen for more than 15 years was made just before it was moved from East Jackson to furnish a site for the modern, new building that will be started soon. During the construction of the new church, Presbyterians will hold services in the junior high school on E. Tyler.

As Harlingen Cardinal Band Led Opening Parade



The 70-piece Harlingen Cardinal high school band led the Parade of States (above) which opened the annual Valley Mid-Winter Fair at Harlingen. The Wednesday performance was the second public appearance of the band since new white and cardinal uni-

forms arrived here recently. The band will be seen shortly in concert at municipal auditorium, and this spring will participate in South Texas music meets. (Staff Photo)

KANSAS DAY TO DRAW 800

Mercedes Host Today To Visitors

MERCEDES — Mayor D. L. Heldrick of Mercedes, will welcome approximately eight hundred Kansans who are expected to attend the Kansas Day Picnic and program Sunday, Jan. 28, to be held here in the school auditorium.

A program consisting of educational entertainment selections will be the main features of the get-together. The program will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the auditorium. Invocation will be given by the Rev. M. M. Grove, pastor of the Mercedes First Christian church.

The North Grammar School Rhythm Band, which delighted Kansans with their renditions a year ago, will again appear on the program.

Program Listed

"Pioneer Days in Kansas," by Sara C. Alford, pioneer Kansas citizen now living in Harlingen, will be the feature of the program. Paul Hornbeck, Merced's artist, will render several vocal selections, while J. C. Popish of Mission, will play an accordion. Mrs. Eldon B. Smith as chairman of the program committee, an open forum will be conducted by Charles M. Coleman, permanent secretary of the Kansas Association.

Registration will start at 10 a.m. in charge of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Kasey. At noon there will be a basket lunch at the high school cafeteria. The visitors will bring their own lunch baskets, but coffee will be served by the school cafeteria.

All Kansans Invited

All Kansans and ex-Kansans have been invited through the press and radio to attend this meeting.

Cooperating with the Kansas Day officials are the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce, and Supt. E. H. Poteet, the school board, as well as the local mayor and city officials.

Contest Delayed

Model Plane Trials Scheduled Sunday

HARLINGEN—Garver Murray, director of the model airplane display, said Saturday night, that due to high winds Saturday morning the model airplane contests had been postponed until Sunday afternoon at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair grounds.

Murray announced winners in the model displays as follows:

Neatest gas model—Bill Klous, first; Flying scale model—Bill Klous, first; Scotty Bowlin, Harlingen, second and Billy Bryant, San Benito, third.

Solid scale model—Bill Klous, first and Charles Lemmons, San Benito, second.

Original design—John Matby, Harlingen, and a sister, Mrs. Paulita Flores, both of San Benito.

The Sunday contests will be held around 3 p.m. following the midget auto races in front of the grandstand.

Fair Stock Awards

HARLINGEN—Winner in the Cattle Show

—First prize Jose Fernandez, Brownsville;

Second prize—W. Tredway, San Benito;

Third prize—D. W. Tredway, San Benito;

Fourth—2 years—First—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Second—J. B. Christner, Weslaco; Third—Jacob Masters, Sebastian; Class 3, Males under 1 year—First—John Fernandez, San Benito; Second—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Class 4, Females 1 to 2 years—First—J. B. Christner, Weslaco; Second—A. M. Thompson & Son, Donna; Third—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Fourth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Fifth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Sixth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Seventh—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Eighth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Ninth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Tenth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Eleventh—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Twelfth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Thirteenth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Fourteenth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Fifteenth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Sixteenth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Seventeenth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Eighteenth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Nineteenth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Twentieth—J. W. Tredway, San Benito; Twenty-first—J. W. 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American Dollar Is Biggest Winner Of World War II To Date

NEW YORK IS WORLD CENTER FOR FINANCE

But It Complicates U. S. Situation

By ROGER BARSON
WASHINGTON, D. C.—First big undisputed victory of the war to date has been won by the American dollar. Our dollar has become the acknowledged top currency of the world. New York, not London, Paris, nor Amsterdam, is the financial center of the world of 1940. This does not mean that our monetary problems are all settled. In fact, as long as the "Fever of the Currencies" continues to rage, being "king" of the currencies is a debit—not an asset!

Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, head of the world's biggest bank (Chase National in New York City) has just trained the microscope of the nation's money doctors on our currency problem. He proposes that we open up the gold market which we closed in 1933. It is not a new cure—it has been brought up again and again. The suggestion, when probed and dissected in the past, has been found wanting. The currency situation, however, has been growing steadily more acute. Consequently, Mr. Aldrich's proposal is now rightfully receiving wide discussion.

What the Problem Is
The problem is this: We have 70 per cent of the world's gold! That is too much. Other nations have little gold to pay us for the goods they want to buy from us. This makes our dollar so mighty that more "timid" gold is sent to us, thus weakening other currencies still further. This automatically boosts our prices in world markets in terms of foreign currencies and hence cuts down our exports, increases our unemployment. Under normal conditions, the situation would correct itself, but the dollar occupies its exalted position not because of U. S. economic strength but because of world economic weakness. While there is complete disagreement as to how to solve this riddle, there is unanimous agreement on the existence of gold danger.

Readers will remember that we cut the gold content of the dollar by 40 per cent in 1933. We thereby hiked the price of gold from \$20 to \$35 per ounce. We forbade any citizen to own or transfer gold. We bought gold from all comers. This started the most gigantic mass movement of the precious metal in the world's history. Since 1934 \$10,500,000,000 worth of bullion has been sucked into the U. S.! Like fabled King Midas, we were happy to have it come; but, like King Midas, we now want to get rid of it! Every day more millions stream here from other nations anxious to get dollars to spend on war supplies, from busy miners, from individuals who want American dollars rather than hoarded gold. And this has been going on for years.

A Pan-American Dollar?

When the war came last September, America was holding \$17,000,000,000 of the world's \$26,000,000,000 gold supply. The British decided the odds were too big, abandoned the pound sterling, sounded its death knell as the world's greatest currency! Immediately the countries which had formerly based their currencies on the pound shifted to the dollar. Sweden's krona, Canada's dollar, and Argentina's peso have all tied up with the dollar. So has the Japanese yen. Moreover, a new Pan-American dollar

BEFORE—Joins, Travels, Fights, Retires a Hero—AFTER



Army Vet Gets Medal For Saving Life

Thirty-one years ago staff Sergeant Harold C. Marshall (left) looked like this when he first saw service with the coast artillery at Fort Flagler, Wash. Since then he has traveled a lot of the world, served in the World War, and was awarded a U. S. congressional medal for saving life instead of taking it. Staff Sergeant Harold C. Marshall of the Quartermaster Corps, Fort Brown (right) who is to be retired January 31 with the rank of captain, after 31 years in the army, is shown above in a happy mood. And who wouldn't be? The dog on his lap is the family pet, "Poochie." The veteran soldier is to visit Sacramento, Calif., this summer, but will make his home in Brownsville.

Doctors To Hold Luncheon Monday

McALLEN—Doctors and their wives who are visiting in McAllen for the winter will be entertained at noon Monday when a Dutch treat luncheon is held at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

Dr. G. Van Amber Brown, president of the Hidalgo County Medical Association, and Mrs. Brown, will meet with the physicians and assist in the entertainment.

May well emerge as the official currency of the entire Western Hemisphere. It's difficult to overestimate the importance of this in terms of our trade relations with Latin America.

In the meantime, the "supremacy of the dollar" is a hindrance, not a help to us. We do not want the highest-priced currency in the world. We do not want the price of our goods to be too high in competitive markets. We do not need a free exchange of the surplus products of one nation with another. Furthermore, if all other nations should suddenly decide to monetize some other metal—copper, tin, mercury, platinum, or radium—we may again take our historic place as the world's number one bagman. Then our gold's only value would be for commercial purposes—and \$17,000,000,000 worth of bullion would fill a lot of picture frames, would fill a lot of teeth.

Suckers Again?

We may find that just as in the twenties we exchanged our hard-earned cash for Europe's worthless O. U.'s, so now we may be exchanging our airplains, shoes, and cotton for Europe's useless gold. Some day, after peace comes in Europe, this gold could be used both to slash our debts and to serve as the basis of some new international currency. But it is now too early to discuss what is to be done "after the war." I can say, however, that we must get out of our present smug and selfish attitude. In the long run, America can prosper only as the world prospers. This is both good religion and good economics!

Growth of Golden Hoard

Year	Value (\$)
1900	\$ 1,634,384,000
1903	1,357,656,000
1910	1,636,042,000
1913	1,955,529,000
1920	2,965,482,000
1923	4,360,232,000
1930	4,534,866,000
1933	9,113,643,000
1936	10,608,417,000
1937	12,318,271,000
1938	13,135,468,000
1939	17,700,000,000

VALLEY FRUIT IS UP 31 CENTS

Grapefruit Auction Sales Reported

WESLACO—Valley grapefruit average an average of 31 cents a box more the past week than during the preceding week, according to a summary of grapefruit auction sales in ten markets reported by the Texas-Federal Market News Service here.

Although the general rise in Valley grapefruit prices on the auctions did not begin until Tuesday and Wednesday, the average for the entire week was 31 cents a box higher than the preceding week.

Average Is \$2.14

The Valley average on all sales for the week ending Friday was \$2.14 per box as compared to an average of \$1.84 for the previous week. Shippers cashed in on fruit bought on a low market from the producers.

The Valley average also was 24 cents a box better than the Florida average, which was \$1.90 per box as compared to the Valley's \$2.14. The Florida price was 17 cents improved over the previous week's average which was only \$1.77.

The best average for Valley fruit was \$2.30 in New York City for 7,630 boxes including pinks. Averages for other points were as follows: St. Louis, 3,270 boxes, \$1.87; Chicago, 11,151 boxes, \$2.08; Detroit, 2,619 boxes, \$2.24; Cleveland, 5,655 boxes, \$2.25; Cincinnati, 5,343 boxes, \$2.11; Pittsburgh, 2,230 boxes, \$2.15; Baltimore, no auction sales of Texas fruit; Philadelphia, 2,158 boxes, \$2.14; Boston, no auction sales of Texas fruit. There was not a market in which the average for Texas fruit did not improve. The Texas prices include pinks but on the other hand the Florida prices include Indian river, that states premium fruit.

Friday auction sales unreported included 1,633 boxes of Texas Marsh at Cleveland for an average of \$2.40 with 452 boxes of pinks averaging \$2.91. At New York 1,190 boxes of Texas pinks averaged \$2.44. 2,605 boxes of Florida Marsh averaged \$2.60 in standard boxes and 610 wirebound boxes of Marsh averaged \$1.47.

Loadings Up Again

Valley loadings increased again to 78 cars Friday while Florida loadings dropped from 81 on Thursday to 28 on Friday.

Track holdings in 16 important receiving markets were the lowest in many weeks, being down to 118 cars Saturday. The week's high was 194 Monday as a result of the usual week-end accumulation and of the fact that several auctions were closed last week because of the cold.

Canners Open Full Fruit Process Runs

McALLEN—Local and Valley canning plants this week were maintaining full-time operating schedules in an effort to process as much as possible of the season's pack before warm weather shows definitely the amount of freeze damage to citrus.

Four plants here and one at Harlingen, among others scattered over the Valley, began the 24-hour runs Saturday or Monday. A few plants had closed to await outcome of freeze damage estimates.

Canners' estimates of damage ranged from 20 per cent decrease in Valley output to a complete end to the canning season with the advent of warm weather.

Townsendites See Film On Narcotics

BROWNSVILLE—Narcotics and its effects will be shown in a motion picture Monday at 7:30 p.m. before the El Jardin Townsend Club No. 1 at El Jardin school near here.

There will be a business meeting of the Townsendites prior to the showing of the film.

The El Jardin Townsend Club No. 1 will hold a picnic at Ebony Grove community house, Sunday noon, February 4, S. W. Brightbill, publicity chairman, announced.

Iturbi Recital Set Monday At Edinburg

EDINBURG—Jose Iturbi, well-known pianist to Valley music lovers, will be presented in concert at Edinburg Junior College auditorium Monday at 8 p.m. under auspices of Cultural Arts, Inc.

The Spanish prodigy came to America first in 1929, when he made his debut with the Philadelphia orchestra. Five years later he made his second debut as a director, and Iturbi today occupies a place of singular pre-eminence in both fields.

RURAL SCHOOL IMPORT GROWS

A. N. Martin Active In Organization

MISSION—Educators this week said the plan to organize rural school heads was gaining momentum over the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas.

A. B. Martin, superintendent of the Tabasco Consolidated School west of Mission, was one of those active in organizing educators into the Rural School Administrators section of the Texas State Teachers Association, effected at the November convention of the association in San Antonio. The move marked the first attempt to bring rural administrators of the state together as a unit.

In accordance with the proposal of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel to sponsor re-organization of the state education system, the rural administrators division recently asked O'Daniel to include representatives of this unit in the major committee so that their needs would be met through the new program.

As one of three members on a special committee appointed to contact O'Daniel, Martin was present at the presentation of the unit's brief to the governor. Martin returned here early last week from Austin with a report of the committee action. He is chairman of the southern district of the new organization, already one of the strongest in the state teachers association.

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Along with this were three lights taken from their boat; two running lights and a mast-head light.

O'DANIEL SPEECH ON VALLEY SENT TO DISTANT LAND

McALLEN—Copies of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's speech during a recent radio broadcast praising the Lower Rio Grande Valley are being mailed to many distant points of the globe.

P. H. Graning of McAllen has mailed copies to London, Brisbane, Australia; British Honduras, Ontario, British Columbia, Mexico, and 40 states of the United States.

The copies were sent to persons with whom Graning corresponds.

Port Isabel Scout Exhibit Is Winner At Mid-Winter Fair

PORIS ISABEL—The hard work on the part of Skipper Leo Baumfelder and his Sea Scouts of the SS Spitfire of Port Isabel was rewarded and they carried home the first prize from the Valley Mid-Winter Fair. Their exhibit was two large knot-boards on which were nailed every imaginable kind of knot. All told there were 123 knots on these boards with the exception of the many hundred in the belts and purse. It took 250 feet of line to make these knots. Many hours were spent by the Skipper and his boys in preparing this exhibit.

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FETE SET FOR LEGION CHIEF

Texas Commander Is Due Here Sunday

BROWNSVILLE—L. J. Roberts, department of Texas commander of the American Legion, will be guest of the Brownsville post at a breakfast at 8 a.m. Monday at the White Kitchen.

Word that the Texas commander will be in the Valley Monday was received by the local post Saturday, C. H. Holcomb, commander, said.

The Monday breakfast will be for Legionnaires, Veterans of Foreign Wars, their auxiliaries, and all ex-service men and wives, he announced.

Mr. Roberts will visit Legion posts in other Valley cities during the day, and at 6 p.m. Monday will meet with the commanders of the Valley posts, at Mercedes.

Townsend Meet Set Monday At Weslaco

WESLACO—A prosperity meeting will be held at the Leiske Temple in Mercedes Monday night with Judge W. W. Stevens of Iowa and Rev. Nicholson as speakers.

Special music is announced and an invitation is extended by S. J. Thomas of Weslaco to business men, farmers and laborers.

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MEXICO

Congratulations

Students Provide School Dark Room

MCALLEN—Members of the Photography Club of McAllen high school will soon have a dark room in which to develop their pictures under the supervision of Erwin Jacks, general science instructor.

Jacks said the room is being constructed at a cost of about \$7. General science and chemistry students will use the dark room.

ARCHITECA DIES

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—J. O. Parr, former Texan and prominent as an Oklahoma City architect, died Friday.

Glorious — Marvelous

Plan Now to Attend the Charro Dances

In the Tropical Patio of

El Jardin Hotel

BUCCANEER BALL

Monday, January 29, 9 'Til ?

GRAND FIESTA BALL

Thursday, February 1, 10 'Til ?

INTERNATIONAL RODEO BALL

Friday, February 2, 9 'Til ?

CHARRO REGATTA BALL

Saturday, February 3, 9 'Til ?

Music for all four dances by RAN WILDE

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Come and be gay with us!

BALL PLAYERS ON UNEMPLOYED ROLLS



DUG OUTA'
the
SPORTS
BAG!

**Even Major
Leaguer Is
Getting Pay**

**Missouri Commish
Gives Okeh**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — (P)—Several big time baseball players—their identities shrouded in red tape—are cashing in on Missouri unemployment insurance, but their bosses and the men who wrote the law don't like the idea.

Players of the St. Louis Browns of the American League and the Kansas City Blues, resting through the Hot Stove season, have been officially declared out of work and are drawing weekly checks up to the \$15 maximum. The Kansas City team is an American Association affiliate of the New York Yankees.

An interpretation of the state law by E. C. Crow, member of the unemployment compensation commission which controls job insurance, made them eligible even though most of them are paid on a yearly contract basis. They draw their salary only during the regular season and the law provides "an individual shall be deemed totally unemployed in any week during which he performs no services and with respect to which no wages are payable to him."

Against Claims

The disclosure brought an immediate reaction from club management, members of the commission and of the state legislature.

State Senators Allen McReynolds and George A. Rozler, co-authors of the job insurance law, declared: "We do not hesitate to say that under this law it was never contemplated that men who were drawing handsome salaries on a yearly basis could receive any benefits."

"I think it is a downright shame that fellows who average \$2,000 a year should get additional compensation in such a method," said Roy Haney, secretary of the Blues. "Not only is it shameful, I think it is illegal."

"I tried my best to stop them," echoed the Browns' general manager, William O. DeWitt. "One of them is receiving a salary from us of between \$8,000 and \$9,000."

Commission Chairman Andrew J. Murphy, Sr., summed up the situation.

"It doesn't seem right to me . . . but under the law there's nothing we can do but give it to them if they qualify."

Murphy said regulations made it impossible for him to disclose the names of recipients.

Players Named

However, the Blues' management said these six players had applied for the cash:

Al Picchetti, a pitcher sold to the Boston Red Sox; Clyde McCullough, a catcher now with the Chicago Cubs; William Matheson, an outfielder recalled by the New York Yankees, and pitchers John Lindell and Fred Gay, and outfielder Buzz Boyle, still with the Kansas City Club.

In St. Louis, the Post-Dispatch said that Ed Cole and Johnny Berardino of the Browns were collecting the compensation insurance.

Cole, a pitcher, resides at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Berardino, an outfielder, at Los Angeles.

The newspaper also said it had learned Joe Glenn Brown's catcher, had applied in New York for unemployment benefits.

Ed Staples, secretary of the St. Louis Cardinals, said none of the team's players, as far as he knew, had applied for the Missouri benefits.

BUCHANAN went through his rear-ing and plunging routine at the post, broke in a tangle, but ran true, and Murphy brought him home a winner by two lengths. That Derby victory, together with those on Riley (1890) and Kingman (1891) gave Murphy his total of three. Sande having Zev (1923), Flying Ebony (1925) and Gallant Fox (1930).

Dallas Acquires Longview Club

LONGVIEW, Tex.—(P)—President George Schepps of the Dallas Rebels announced Saturday that his Texas League club would operate the Longview East Texas League franchise this year as an outright owner.

Schepps' announcement followed a pledge by a Longview group to raise \$2,500 by April 1 to pay off the club's indebtedness.

"This will give us the franchise free of debt," Schepps said, "and will enable us to start from scratch in building a ball club for Longview."

Schepps conferred with Arthur Hale, business manager of the club last year under the sponsorship of the Chicago White Sox.

With the franchise will go four players who were under White Sox contracts last year. They were Bob Mosel, first baseman with Lubbock in the West Texas-New Mexico League, Henry Becker, Longview outfielder, and pitchers Pat Beasley and Harold Mitchell.

Schepps said Tex Jones, former Dallas star who dropped out of baseball five years ago after piloting the Longview club, will return as manager.

East Texas League Clubs Meet Today

JACKSONVILLE, Tex.—(P)—Moguls of the East Texas League gather here Sunday for their annual meeting.

Chief items of business to be transacted include election of officers, adoption of the official baseball, drafting of a schedule and decision on the status of the several clubs.

League President C. P. Moseley said Jacksonville's status still was doubtful. Lufkin has been mentioned as likely to get the franchise should Jacksonville go out of the league.

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E. C. "DOC" OSBORN, Sports Editor

Sunday, January 28, 1940

Big Regatta Carded Next Sunday



The scene above is typical of nearly three hours of identical action next Sunday at the Port of Brownsville turning basin during the International Outboard Regatta, the highlight of the fourth day of the 1940 Charro Days. Picturing a Class A aquatic speed event on

Inks Dam Lake in Austin the photo shows, left to right, Gar Wood, Jr., Algonac, Mich.; Lawrence Salmon, Wichita, Kans.; Frank Vincent, Tulsa; and Eddie Willard, Fort Worth; all of whom are due to compete in the regatta Sunday afternoon.

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BROWNSVILLE—The racy speed-boats of Gar Wood, Jr., of Algonac, Mich., and Frank Vincent, Tulsa, both of whom set new world records in the Charro Days regatta in 1939, arrived in Brownsville Saturday, ready for assembly in preparation for the International Regatta next Sunday in the Port of Brownsville turning basin.

If weather permits, the boats are to be taken out to the turning basin Sunday afternoon, assembled, and the regatta committee is preparing to accommodate a capacity crowd at the port turning basin. Last year thousands crowded into every available spot around the harbor's edges to view the thrilling outboard spectacle.

There will be nine heats on the afternoon program, two each in the A, B, and C hydroplane class, two in the Class C runabout, and an F class open-free-for-all, in which several C class boats are entered to qualify drivers for entry in the time trials Monday morning.

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Large Entry List

R. W. Pitts, chairman of the regatta committee, clung Saturday to his expectations that nearly 40 boats are to compete in the nine water races Sunday afternoon, and several of the internationally known drivers will remain to take part in the trials Monday morning in the ship channel.

During the Monday morning time trials, several world records will

be the targets, and there is strong possibility new speed marks will be set again this year. Last year six world's records were shattered during the time trials, three by Gar Wood, Jr., two by Buddy Reuter, San Antonio, and one by Frank Vincent, Tulsa.

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Several gallons of high test fuel—gasoline and oil—to be used in the speedboat regatta, already have arrived. One cargo of fuel is consigned to Dan Frazier, Rantoul, Ill., who is one of the entries in the F class 60-horse power race. Frazier is due to arrive Friday. Special high test fuel oils also have reached Brownsville for the use of Vincent and Wood, Jr.

Pitts announced receipt of a letter from Jack Barber, newly elected official scorer of the Texas Outboard Racing Association, stating that the Texas racing circuit's high point trophy will be placed on display at a prominent public place in Brownsville this week. The trophy is now held by Bob Mitchell, Dallas, but will be presented to the high point Texas outboard driver for the 1940 season.

Full Program

The Sunday afternoon program, opening at 1 p.m. with the A class hydroplane race in which eight boats are entered, continues at 1:40 p.m.

Saturday's complete official entry list include:

Wood, Jr., Vincent, Boggeman,

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Then follows the most thrilling spectacle of the entire regatta, the F class open-to-all trial, in which

Don Frazier is the outstanding entrant. This race is designed to

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Sunday, January 28, 1940

VALLEY SUNDAY STAR-MONITOR-HERALD

LITTLE CHANGE IN FARMS PREDICTED

Major Loops To Sit Tight This Season

What Future Holds Is Question

BY JUDSON BAILEY
NEW YORK—(P)—In spite of all the clamor and confusion, baseball's farm systems are likely to look essentially the same next summer as they did last season.

Shell-shocked from the repeated bombings of Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis which included making 91 Detroit farm hands free agents, the major league magnates are too astounded by his latest proposal for abolishment of the chain gangs altogether to comment on the validity of the plan.

But there is a unanimity of opinion that the Landis program of training schools, subsidies to minor leagues and elimination of optional assignments is a long-range shot and does not affect materially the muddled 1940 situation.

To Stay Put

As to the consequences of his previous seven-point declaration of restrictions on farm operations the big league owners are not in agreement. However, most of them have decided to run the gauntlet on the theory that operations which were bonafide in 1939 will continue to be this year.

A hasty survey shows only the New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers considering any considerable curtailment of working agreements. How sweeping their cut may be remains to be seen.

On the other side of the picture the New York Giants are going ahead with all the farm clubs chosen previously. In addition they have seen fit to arrange one new working agreement since the Landis ukase of January 15.

In Pittsburgh President William E. Bonswager of the Pirates said: "I don't believe the Landis bulletin makes any change in our set-up and we have not withdrawn working agreements with any clubs."

Bees Expand

In Boston Billy Evans said the Red Sox would continue their normal farm operations. And the Bees not only are planning to maintain last year's system but are expanding into the Interstate League.

Washington's farm agreements likewise are all set for 1940.

Clark Griffith said he saw no need for curtailment but added: "Detroit's been hit a pretty hard blow. (By Landis' ruling making 91 players free agents). I am afraid it's going to hurt them and naturally some minor leagues. Baseball, however, will go on."

Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics expressed a personal belief that "Landis' ruling was a good one." While the A's working agreements haven't been completed he didn't foresee any great revision.

The Phillies intend to expand.

The Chicago White Sox have decided to drop a couple of small clubs, but the Cubs will have the same lineup.

The Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians, both with fairly extensive farm operations, are standing pat for the present and are likely to continue connections in the minors through the 1940 season.

Browns Sit Tight

Detroit is attempting to clear away its shambles and reorganize while the St. Louis Browns, which own three clubs and had working agreements with seven others last season, quietly wait to see how far they can go this year.

A possible temporary solution for the problems of the Cardinals and Yankees, whose operations are incomparably more complex than those of other clubs, was held forth Friday night by President William G. Bramham of the National Association (of minor leagues), who asked Landis to postpone some of his prohibitions until after the 1940 season so that the clubs would have a chance to straighten out their affairs.

Goon Henry Will Battle Manacker

McALLEN—Jim (Goon) Henry, a man George Chapapas imported from Florida for a match several months ago, returns to McAllen Tuesday night to wrestle Sam Manacker of Massachusetts in the main event bout.

Jim earned the "Goon" part of his name because of his huge arms which remind you of the character made famous in the Popeye cartoon strip.

Manacker, Chapapas said Saturday, is ranked sixth among heavyweight grapplers in the United States.

The semi-final brings together El Pulpo, the Mexican flash, and Jack League. The latter will referee the main event bout.

Our Mat Takes In San Felipe Money

LOS ANGELES—(P)—A high-priced outsider, Our Mat, won the \$10,000 San Felipe Handicap horse race at Santa Anita Park Saturday. Lassator was second and Sun Egret third.

The race was run without competition from Charles Howard's two potent threats, the mighty Seabiscuit and Kayak II. The champion Seabiscuit was withdrawn Friday night and Kayak Saturday.

Our Mat paid \$26, \$14.40 and \$8.40 on \$2 mutuel tickets. Lassator paid 10.80 and \$7.60 and Sun Egret \$9.40.

Our Mat did the six furlongs in one minute, 10.2 seconds.

The mutuel handle for the race was \$122,063.

DIZZY HAS HIS HEADACHES



Texas League Prexy Plans To Streamline His Loop

BY HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS—(P)—Alvin Gardner, oil man-baseball executive, expects the Texas League to become the first organization of its kind to adopt airplane transportation.

The league has \$100,000 in idle money and five of the eight club owners are in favor of the plan.

The 46-year-old president, who took the job for two years and has been persuaded to stay 11, said Saturday, it might require a couple of seasons to get his idea across but he felt certain all the owners would fall in line.

Under Gardner's plan the league would purchase a first-class plane that would transport 21 persons,

Hunting Good Down Mexico Way Says Guide

BROWNSVILLE—Hunting may be over in Texas, but there is still plenty of it in Mexico, and you take Vincent Stevenson's word for that.

The Brownsville guide, who outfitts and pilots hunting parties into Mexico's interior, says that the game is plentiful if you know where to go for it.

But there are certain requirements would-be hunters in Mexico must meet. In view of the current popularity of Mexico hunting Stevenson Saturday listed the necessary permissions which prospective nimrods must obtain before starting on their trek for game.

At present in Mexico it is open season on geese, that is, until Jan-

uary 31. The pheasant season con-

tinues until March 15, sandhill crane to February 28, turkey to February 15, doves until March 31, duck until April 15, wild hog until April 30, and deer (south of Fernando) until February 15. Stevenson said it is also open season at present on several other types of game.

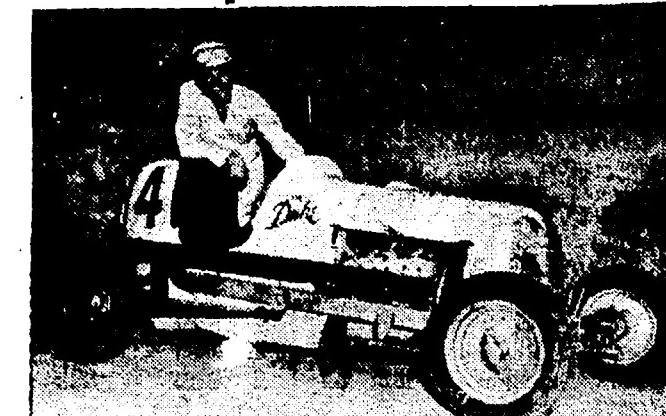
"We anticipate little trouble from the weather because there are few disturbances in Texas during the summer months."

A committee of Guy Airey of San Antonio, Bonneau Peters of Shreveport, John Holland of Oklahoma City and George Schepps of Dallas, all club presidents, is looking into the matter.

"I think we'll have air travel by 1941 and maybe sooner," Gardner said.

To bring the game back to the United States, all that is necessary is a Mexico export permit and an American customs import declaration, together with permission from the state of Texas. Any game can be brought back as long as the season is open, and within ten days after close of the season.

Sweepstakes Winner



Forced to stay out of the first few races, Mel Wainwright, (above), champion of the Oklahoma-Texas circuit, finally got his car working and won two events Saturday in the mid-size auto race card, held as a feature of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair. He climaxed his performance by winning the feature 25-mile sweepstakes, final event on the card. With his car in good working order, Wainwright is favored to take down some firsts in Sunday's race program.

Philadelphia Clubs Like Landis' Plan

PHILADELPHIA—(P)—Both the Athletics and Phillies endorsed Saturday Baseball Commissioner Landis' proposed co-operative plan between major and minor leagues in acquiring and developing of young players.

"Judge Landis' plan is OK with me," declared Connie Mack, manager and president of the Athletics. "It's splendid—if it can be worked out and everybody strictly conforms," said Gerry Nugent, Phils proxy.

Gus Lesnevich Given Another Conn Bout

MIAAMI, Fla.—(P)—Gus Lesnevich will have another try at Billy Conn's light-heavyweight world's championship here February 28. Promoter Mike Jacobs announced Saturday.

The two battled last summer with Conn the victor. The bout will go 15 rounds.

by Phil Berube

Javelinas Looking Ahead To 1940 Gridiron Season

KINGSVILLE—(Spl)—With 18 out of 24 lettermen returning, five of them All-Alamo Conference first stringers, Coach A. Y. McCallum figures his Texas A. and I Javelina grididers will be able to afford an interesting afternoon to even such spectacular opponents as the A. and M. Aggies, the Rice Owls, the San Jose Spartans and the boys from Arkansas A. and M. The list recommended this week for letters at A. and I contained 24 names, and graduation or other ineligibility will erase just six.

When Alamo Conference coaches and players selected an all-conference team last fall, they named six Javelinas, and Kenneth Grimes, quarter, is the only one who won't answer the roll when the Hogs raise the 1940 curtain in San Jose California, Feb. 16. Three lettermen will be after Grimes' position; Carl Dillon, Buford Dugger, and Elmo Hilburn. Big Sacks Mattingly, one of the nation's leading scorers in 1939, will be on hand, as will Tug Hall, Gilbert Steinke, J. D. Hilliard, Sam Hawks, and possibly a transfer or two from the line.

Stewart Clarkson, almost unanimous choice for all conference center, was so outstanding in stopping West Texas' famous "Flippin" Foster Watkins and clinching a tie for the title last fall that he may be moved back for a try at the backfield. Line Coach Cal E. Jewett thinks Clarkson can be spared from a line which yielded less than a dozen first downs during the season; and a backfield composed of Clarkson, Mattingly, Steinke and Hall or Dugger should be about everything necessary for a successful defense of the Alamo Conference title.

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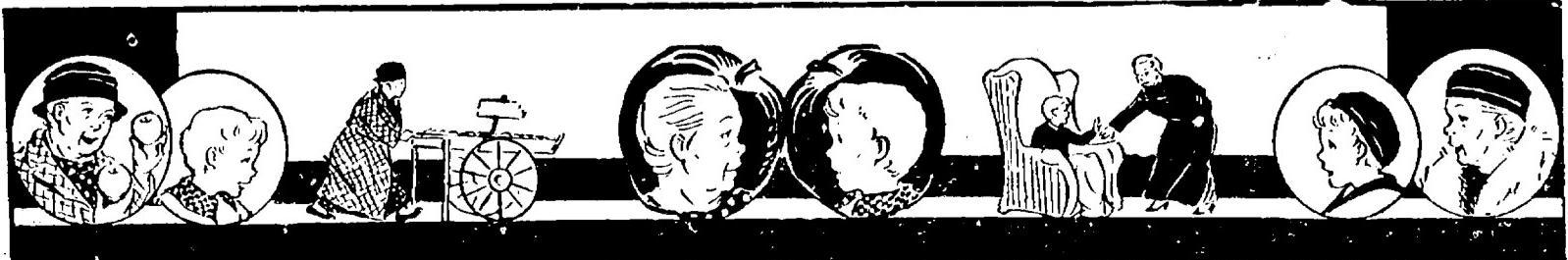
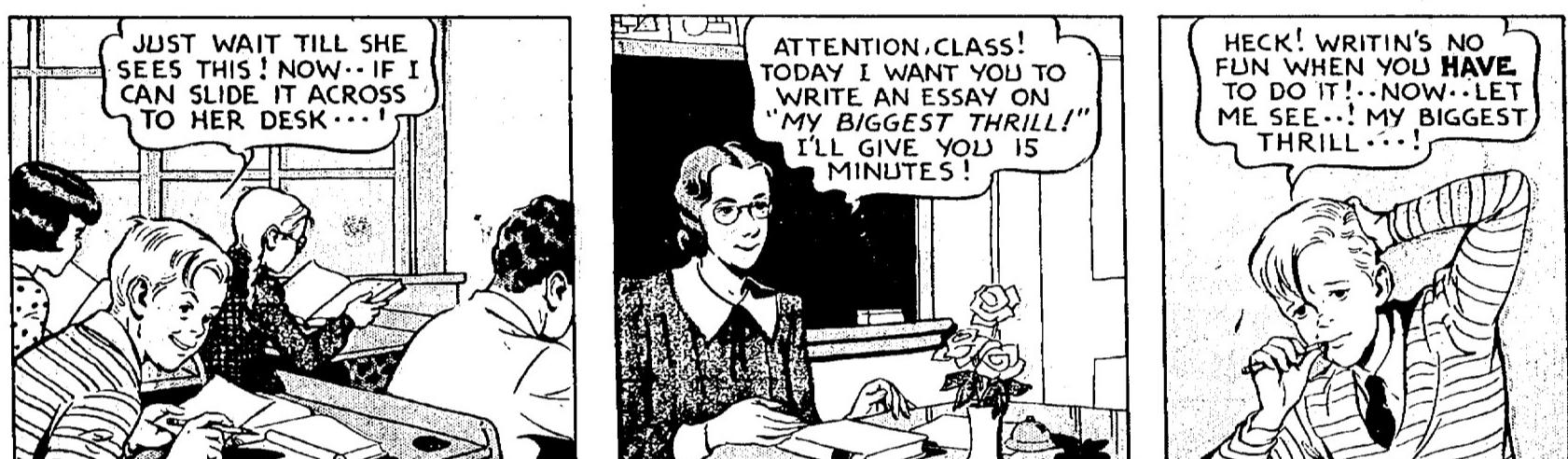
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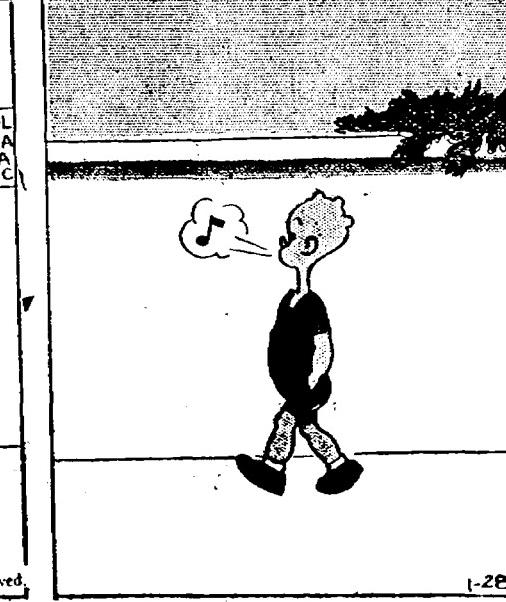
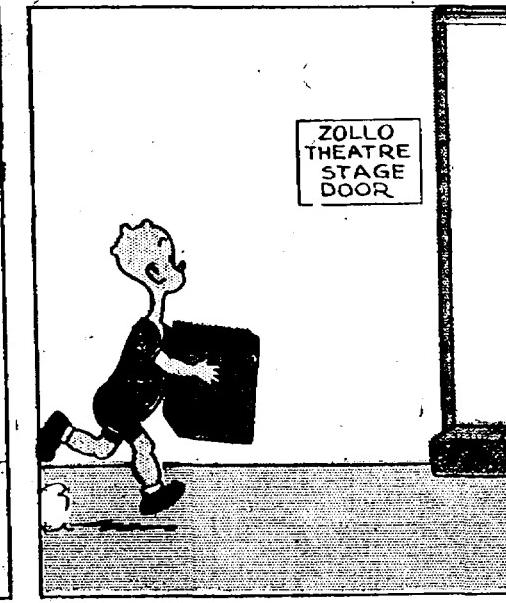
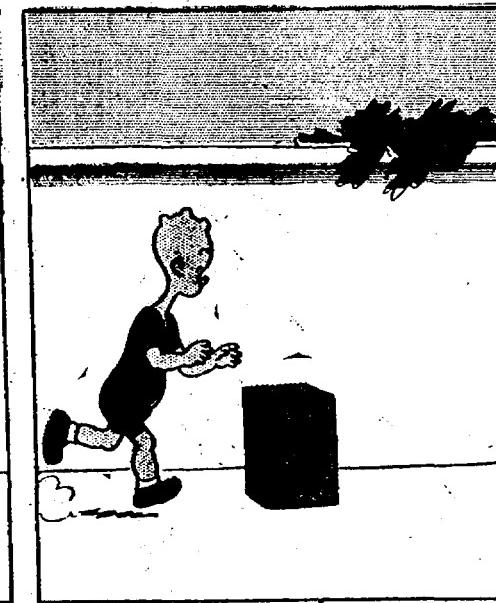
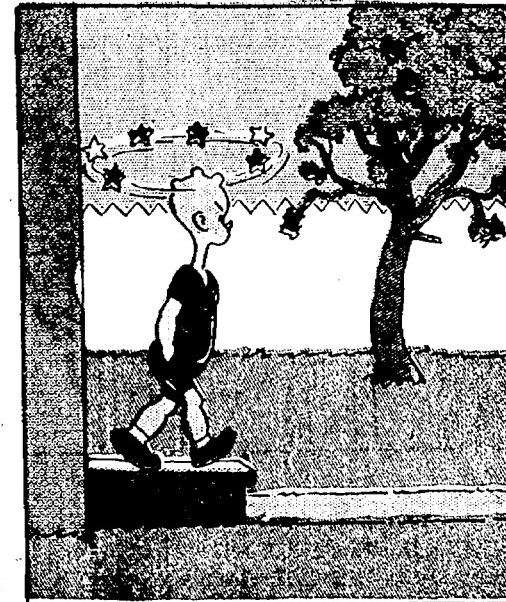
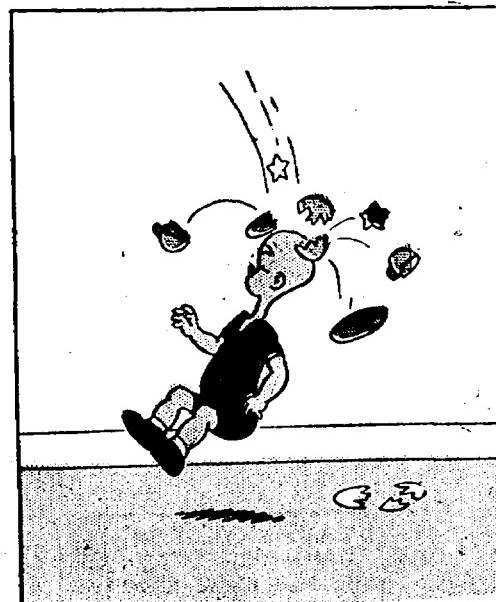


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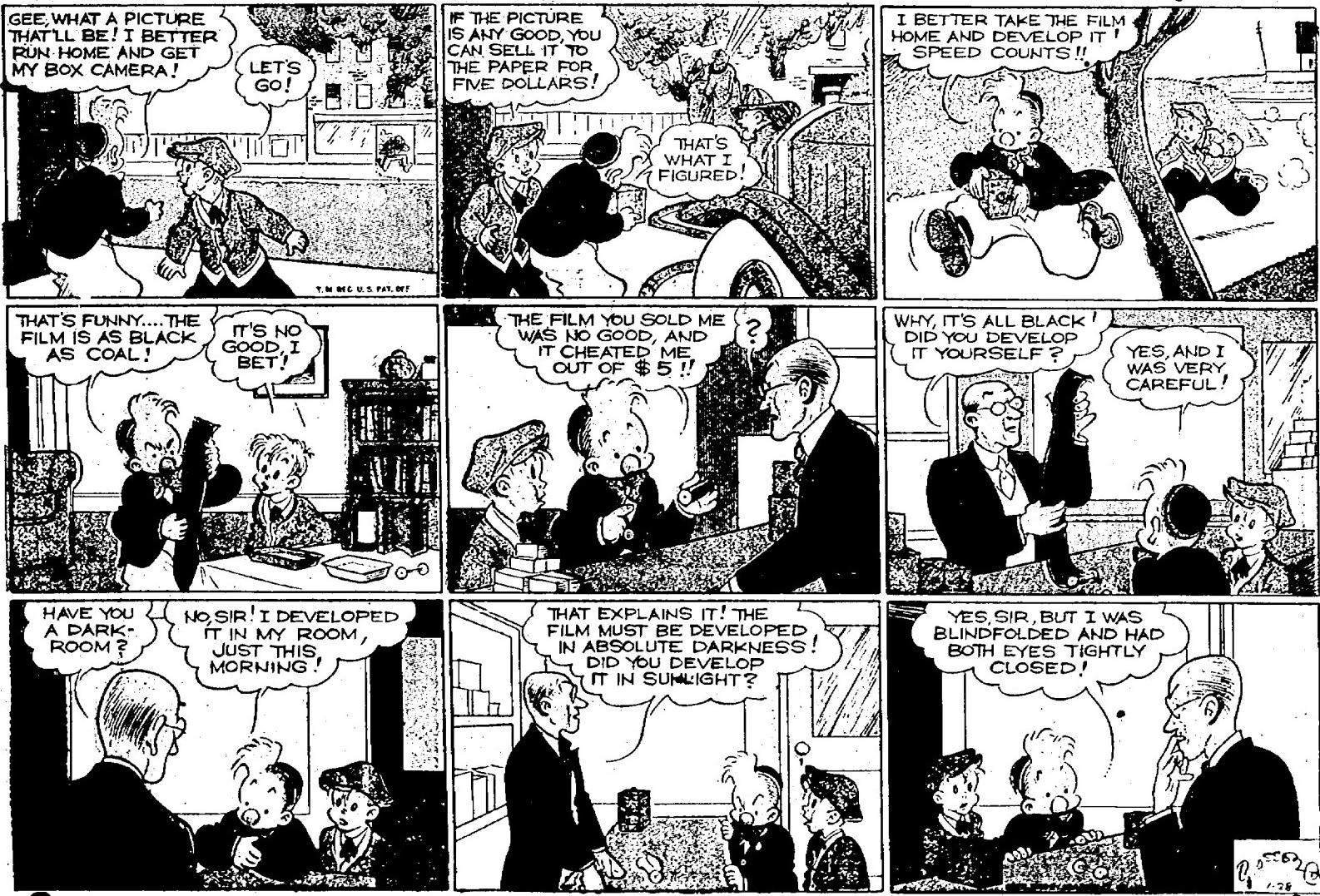
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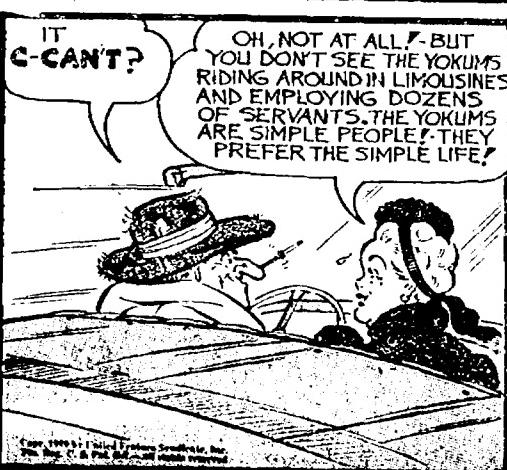
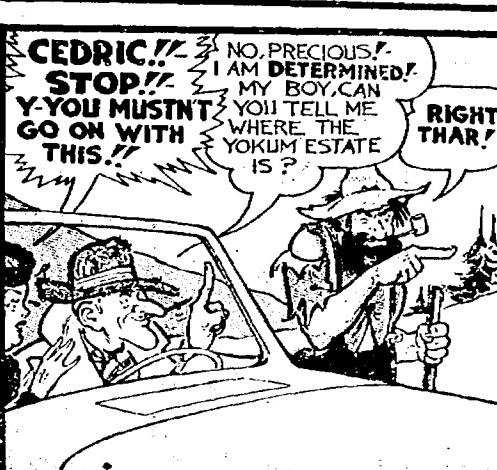
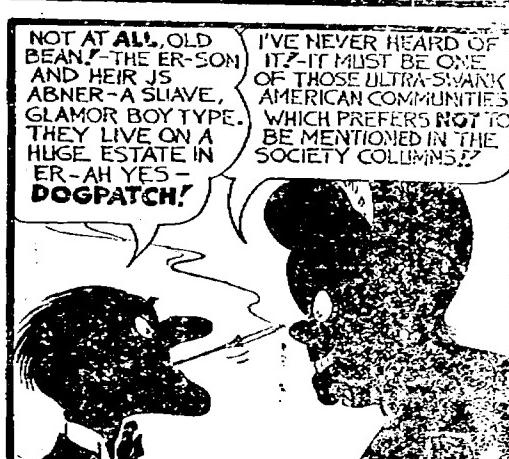
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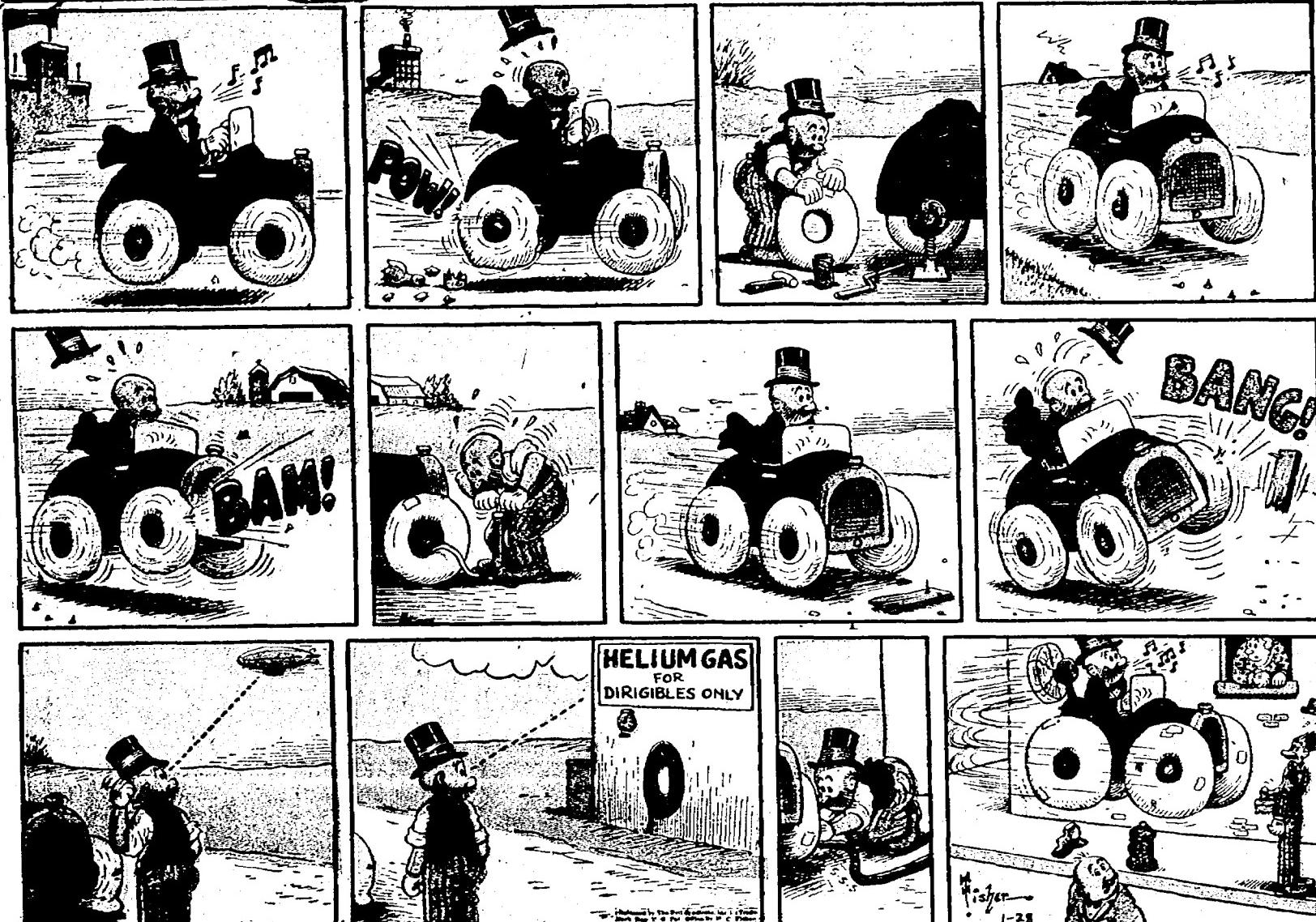
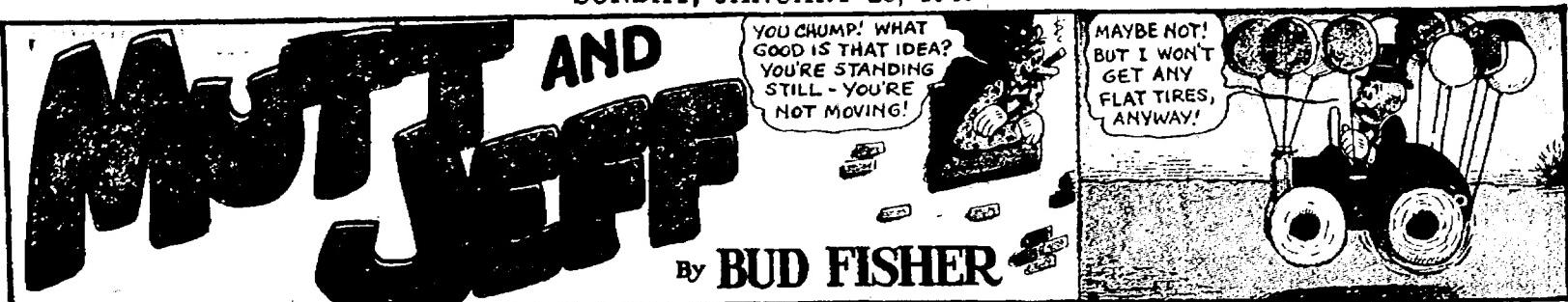
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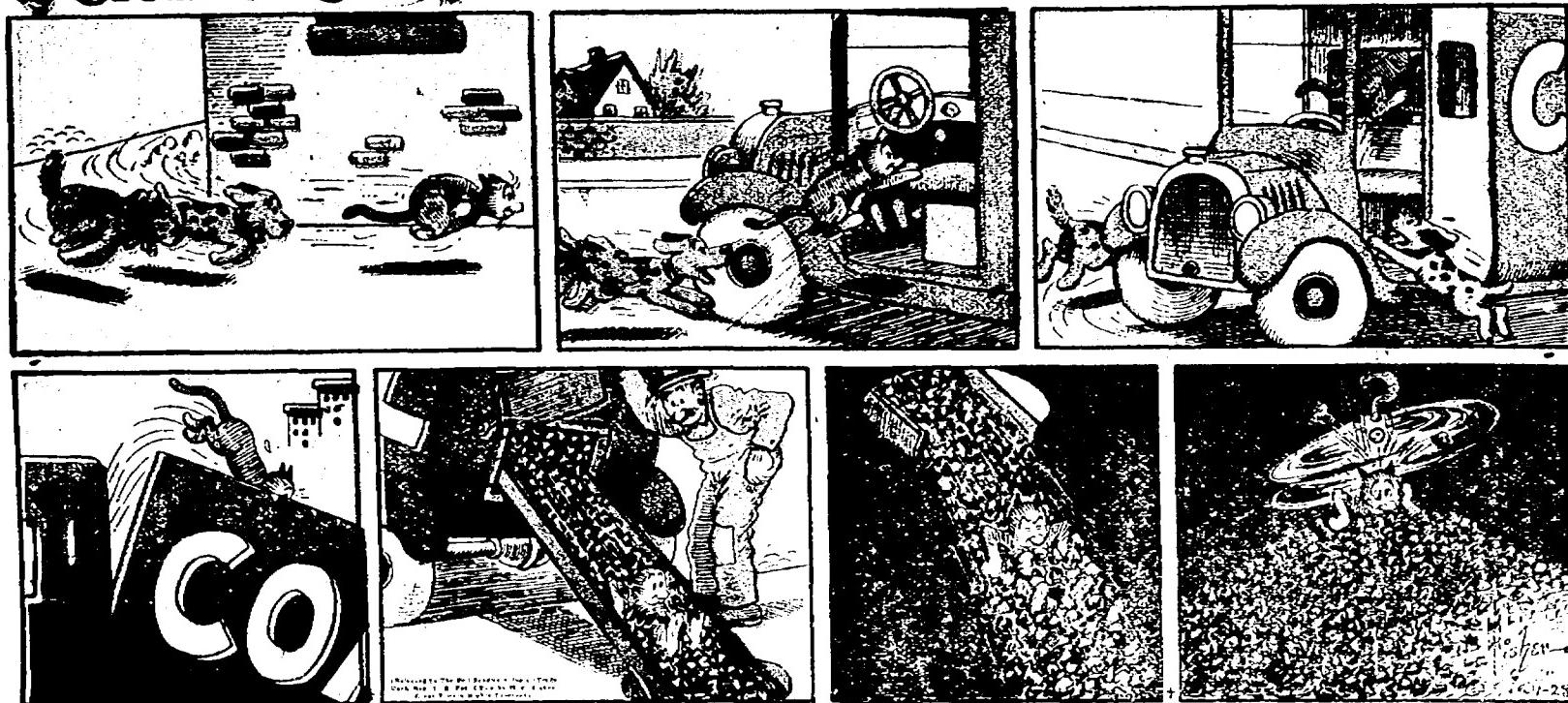
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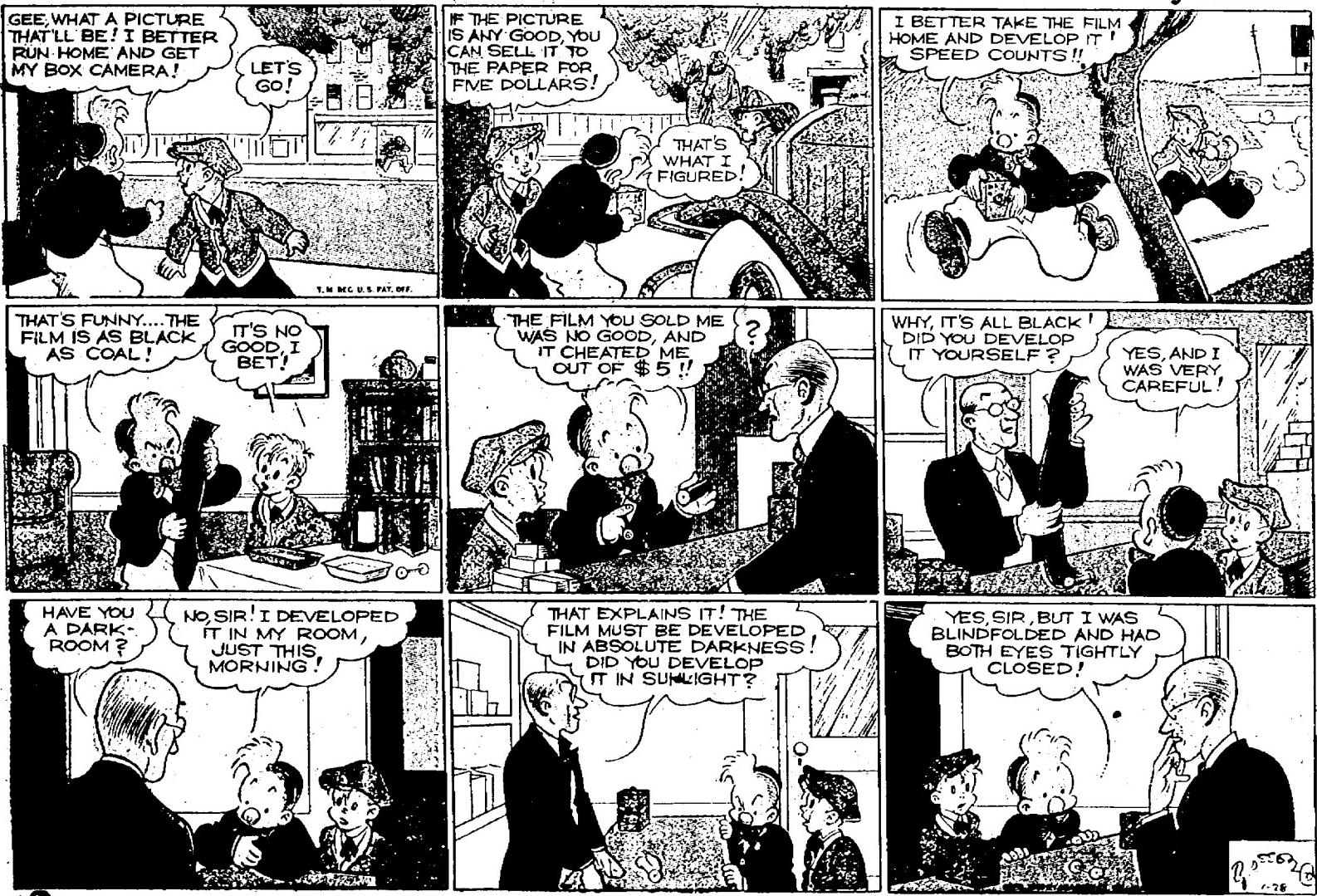
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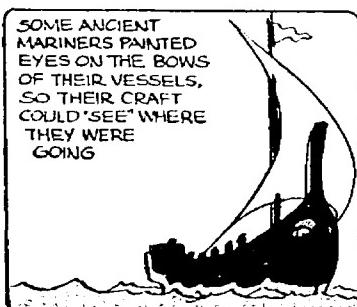
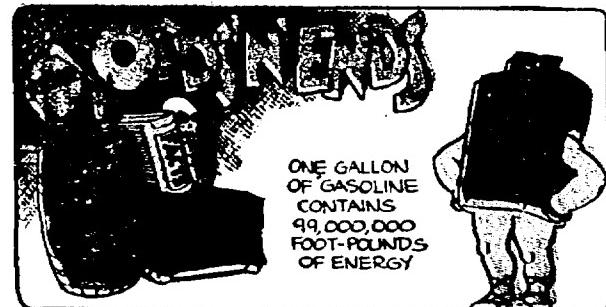
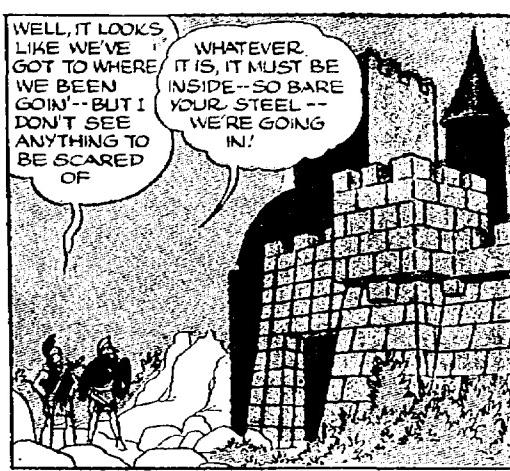
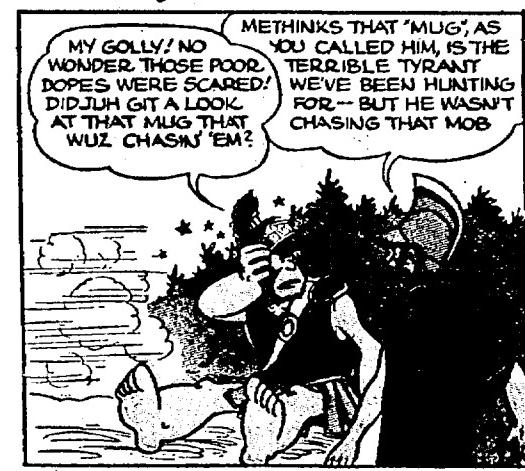
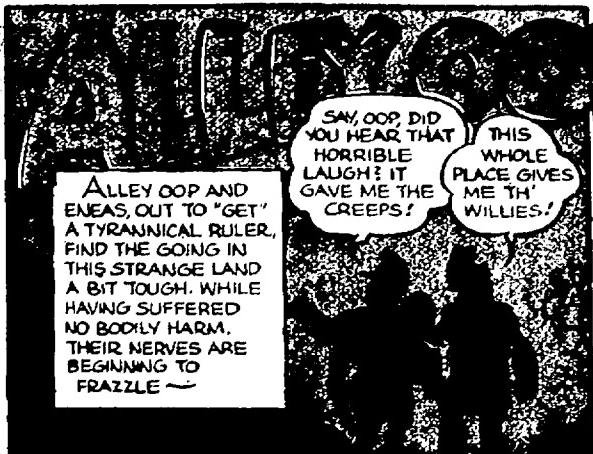
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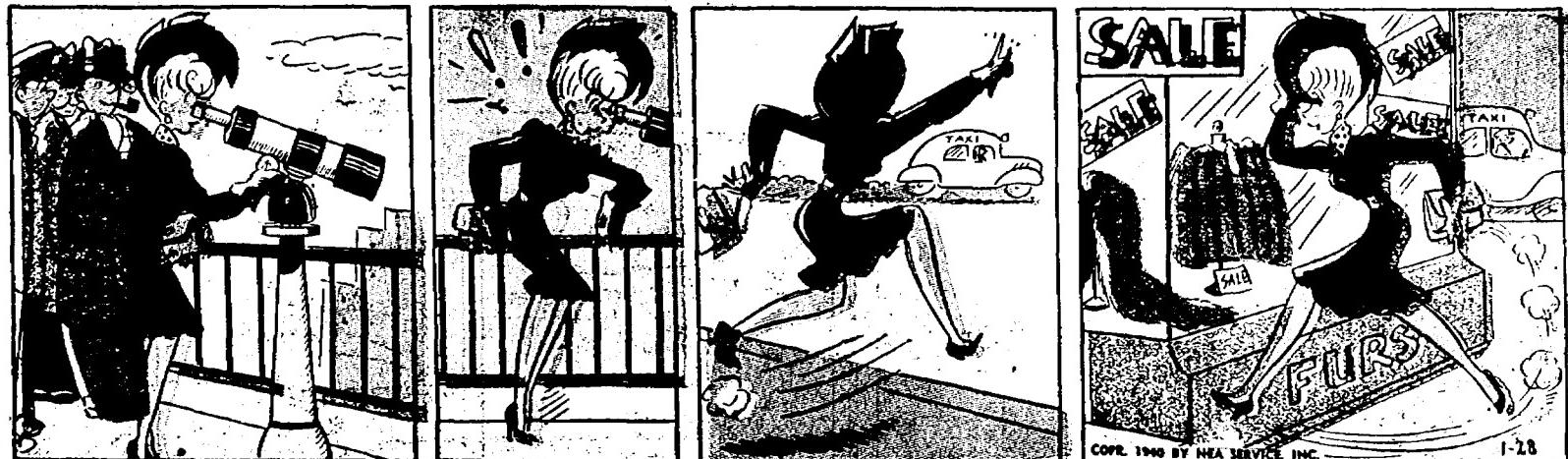
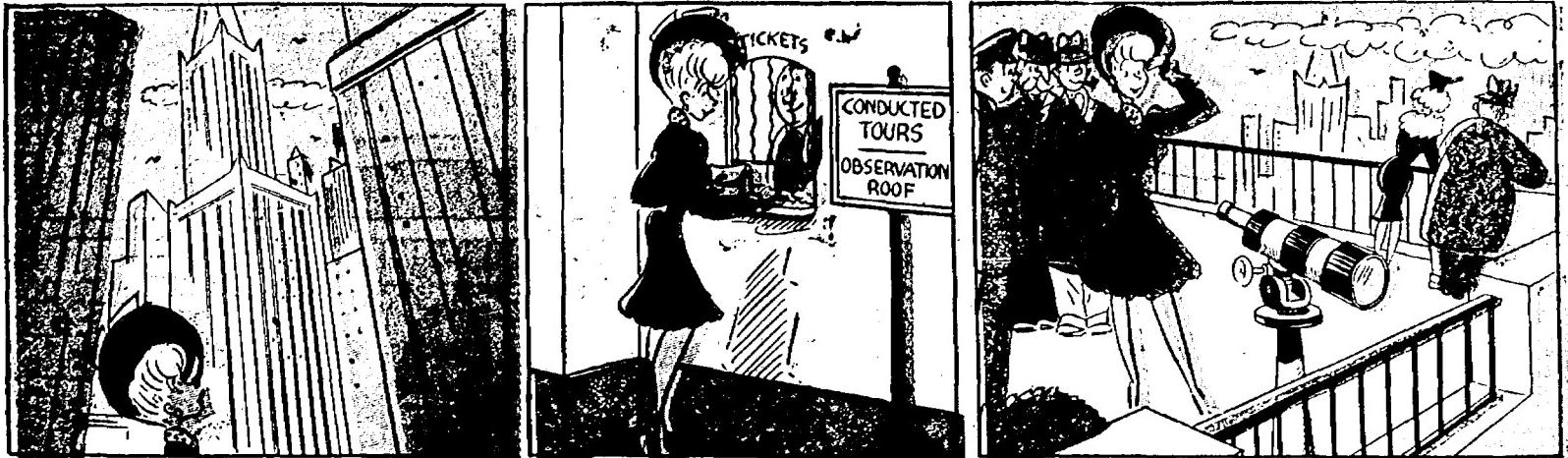
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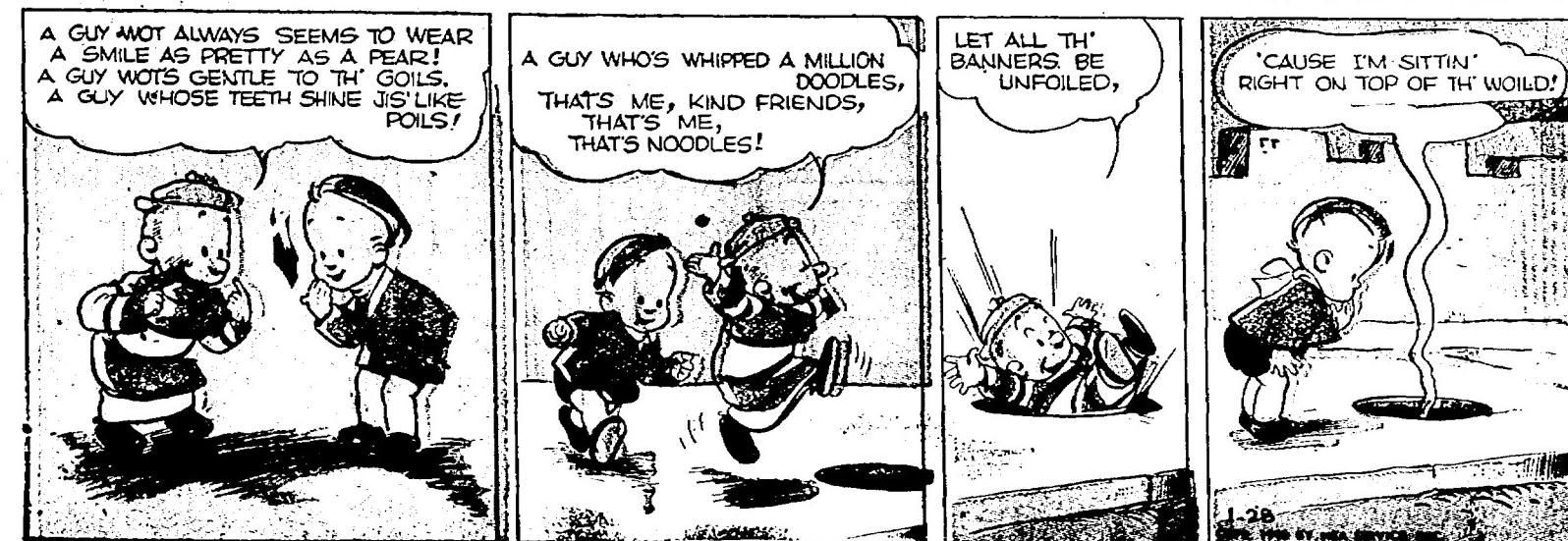
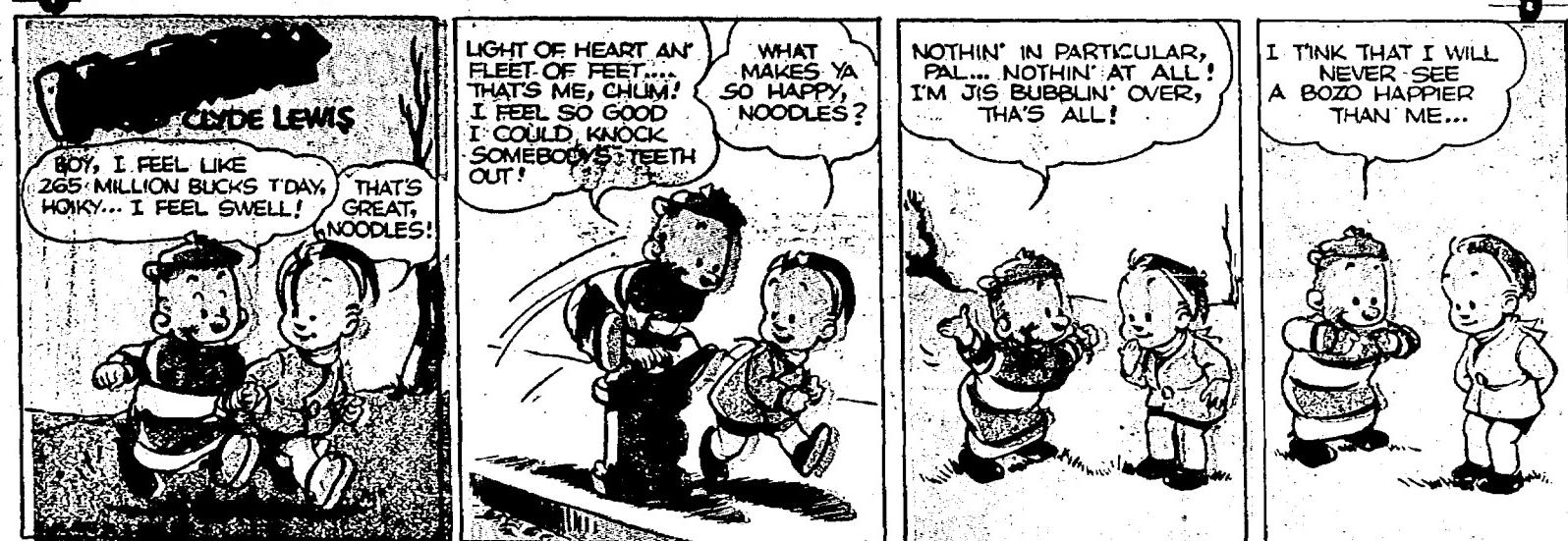


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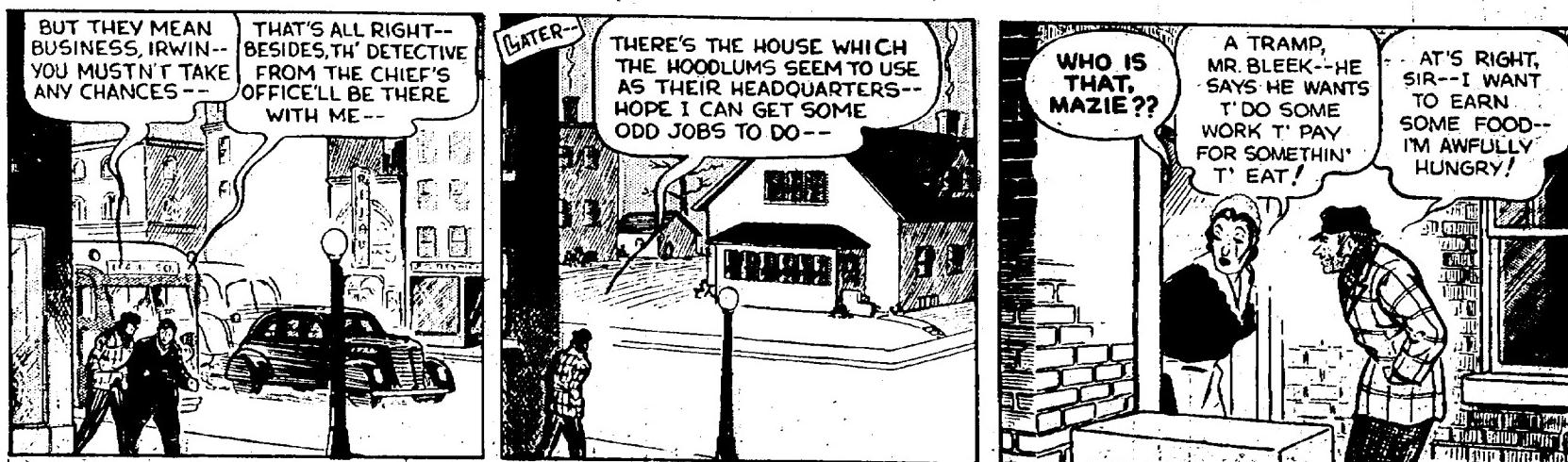
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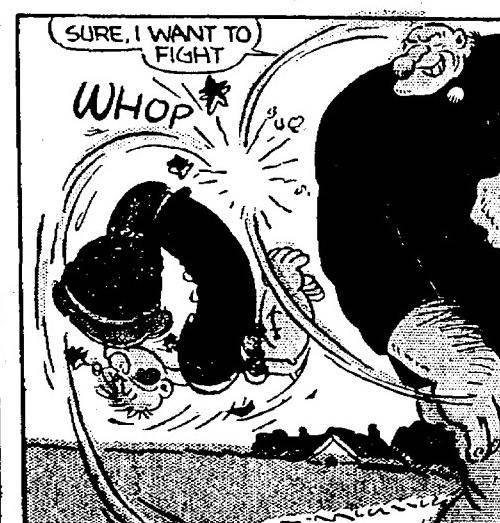


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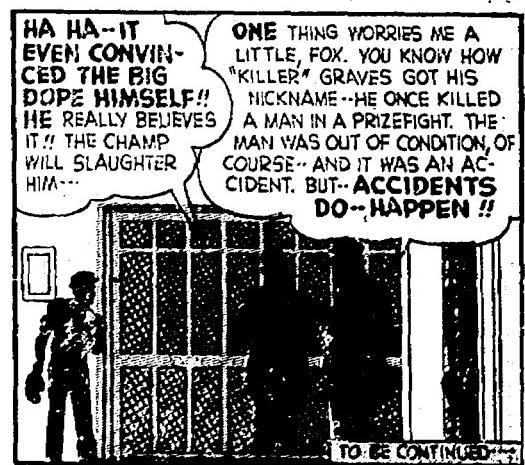
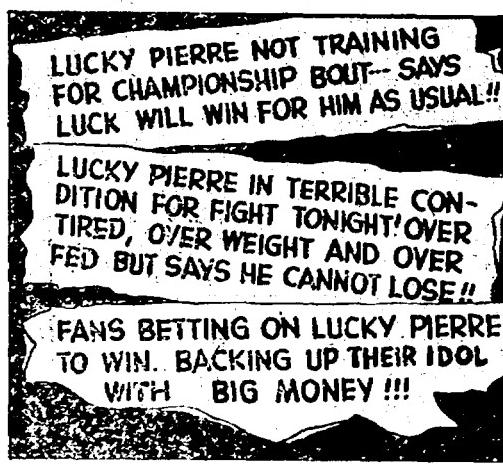
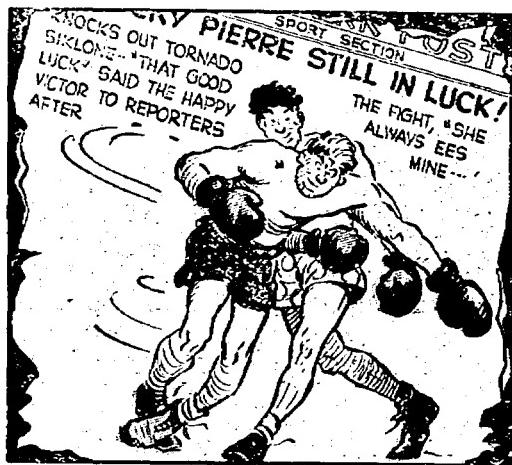
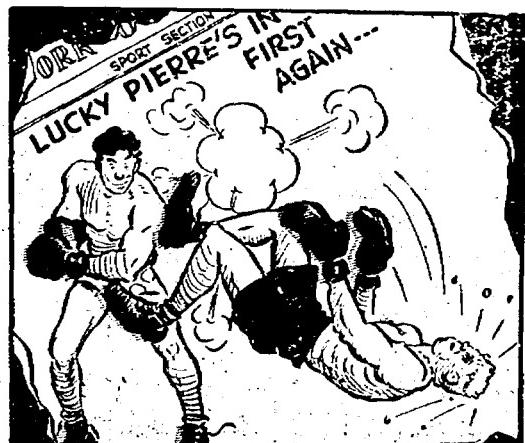
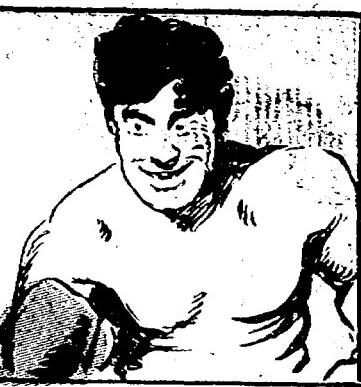
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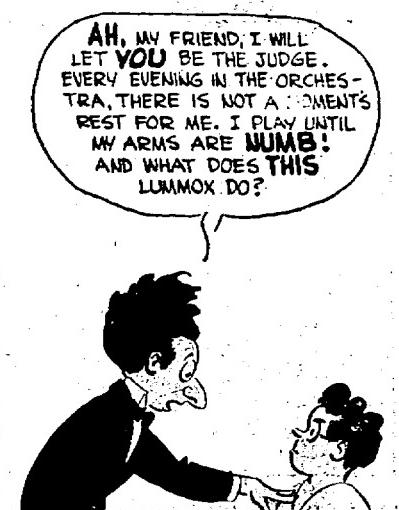
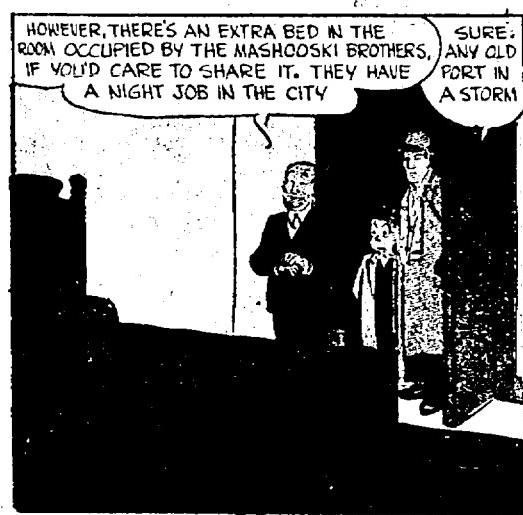
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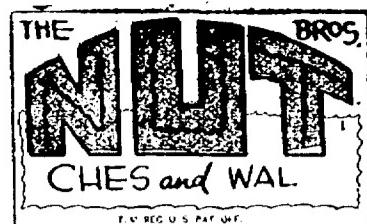
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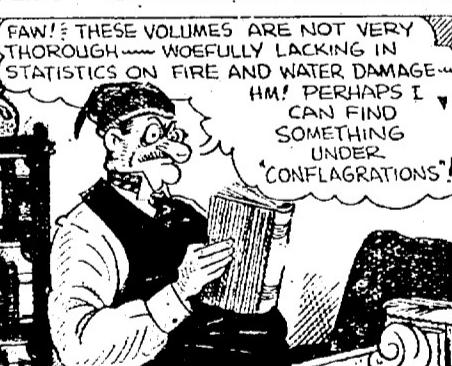
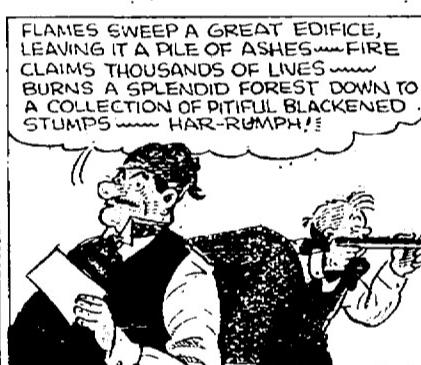
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Your children will always ask for KREE MEE ICE CREAM and they can't get too much for their active, healthful young bodies. KREE MEE DOUBLE DIP CONES or BUCKETS will please them.

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